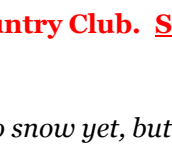




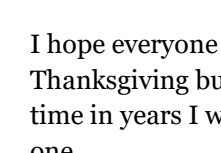
Coming Events

The Christmas Ships are coming to Bainbridge Island on December 14th! Their performance at Waterfront Park is scheduled for 8:00 pm. Info on the Argosy ships can be found here: <https://www.argosycruises.com/argosy-cruises/christmas-ship-festival-schedule/>



SAVE THE DATE AND CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR SIGN UP INFORMATION!

January 13, 2018 EHYC Annual Meeting to be held at the Wing Point Country Club. See below for details!



No snow yet, but see timely info below in *Safety Corner* about winterizing your vessel.

View from the Bridge....

Commodore's Report

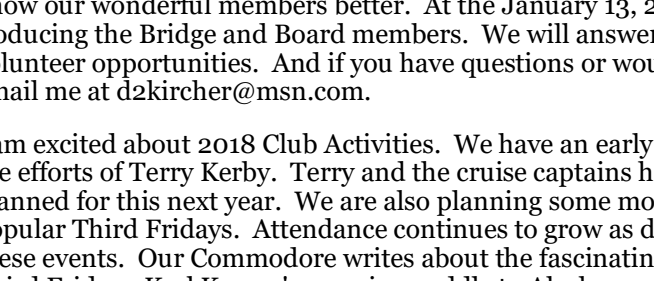
I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. As I write this, I'm looking forward to the Thanksgiving buffet at Syrens, one of our restaurants here at Heron's Key. For the first time in years I will not be cooking anything, much less a bird. Strange and exciting all in one.

This year has brought so many changes for me but one reliable entity in my life has been this club. It's full of friends and boating buddies. I've gotten to sail with a crazy group of women, take an even crazier trip to Disneyland with two amazing grandkids, and share a lot of it with you.

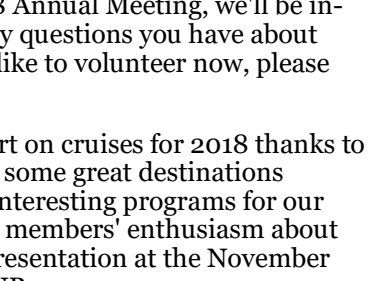
We have all watched our club grow and the Third Friday events get more creative with the attendance steadily increasing. Last I heard we had over 80 attendees at the last one. I hope you all enjoyed Karl Kruger as much as I did. He is so real and down to earth. No pretense in that man. It was such a privilege to be in Victoria to catch him at the dock when he came in.

To that end, I'm asking if any of you would be interested in getting a small group (6-8) together to go to Victoria next year to catch the boats as they come in? This is not a willy-nilly or hap-hazard endeavor. One must sign up with the organizer on the Victoria side. I would be happy to act as contact for our club if we could get several people for day one. What do you say EHYC? I had more fun than I can express and to see these people pull in is rather special. Who knows? You may one day see a member or two you know at that dock on a boat.....

Linnea McNair
Commodore



Karl pulling into Ketchikan



Vice Commodore's Report

Happy Holidays! I wish you and your family a joyous holiday season and a Happy New Year! We need your help!

As an all volunteer club, it is important for each member to pitch in. By joining the Board or co-captaining a cruise, not only do you help support the club's activities, but you also get to know our wonderful members better. At the January 13, 2018 Annual Meeting, we'll be introducing the Bridge and Board members. We will answer any questions you have about volunteer opportunities. And if you have questions or would like to volunteer now, please email me at dzkircher@msn.com.

I am excited about 2018 Club Activities. We have an early start on cruises for 2018 thanks to the efforts of Terry Kerby. Terry and the cruise captains have some great destinations planned for this next year. We are also planning some more interesting programs for our popular Third Fridays. Attendance continues to grow as does members' enthusiasm about these events. Our Commodore writes about the fascinating presentation at the November Third Friday: Karl Kruger's amazing paddle to Alaska on a SUP.

RBAW Annual Meeting

Although I couldn't make the Annual RBAW meeting, I can share with you the highlights from Linda Newland's (Port Townsend Yacht Club) meeting notes (condensed below).

RBAW 2017 Successes:

- Dept. of Licensing will not charge \$12 per vessel for retitling fees when the federal government mandates a change to some vessels' HIN numbers to conform to federal standards
- The City of Seattle will not establish specific times to open and close Seattle draw bridges to lessen traffic congestion.
- Rather than cordoning off a portion of Lake Union for seaplane traffic, the City of Seattle agreed to use a "line of lights" that could be triggered by incoming planes to warn boaters to stay clear.
- In cases of impaired boat operators, law enforcement will not impound boats as a first resort but only as a last resort after all other options are considered.
- Flare gun kits are now available again at both Fisheries and West Marine due to RBAW's intervention to exempt boaters from a background check for carrying a "weapon".

Update on Copper Based Bottom Paint:

WA state law dictates that new boats being sold after January 1, 2018 can no longer have copper based bottom paint. For boats in use under 65 feet, the deadline is January 1, 2020. The new boat law will be in effect shortly. By 2020 there is speculation that WA Dept. of Ecology is rethinking their complete ban on copper in bottom paints and are looking at the compromise solution that California is using....a lower percentage of copper in the paint, but not an outright ban. The reason is that after further scientific studies, the alternatives being used in non-copper based paint are just as or more so injurious to the environment than is copper. Stay tuned....but right now, the last application of copper based bottom paint is December, 2018, for most of our boats.

No Discharge Zone Update:

The NDZ is slowly moving forward with several litigations pending. RBAW's fall back position is that in order to protect boaters with expensive Type I or Type II Marine Sanitation Devices that treat raw sewage onboard for bacteria, if the NDZ comes into effect, those people will be given a 5 year phase in, the same as for commercial vessels.

City Dock. (The following is from a COBI news release):

Contractors will be working overnight during the week of December 4 to extend the boat launch ramp and utility lines as part of the City Dock Improvement project.

The boat launch ramp extension work and the utility work must be completed during extreme low tides so that contractors can access the tidelands. During the winter months, the lowest tide of the day occurs in the night. This work is being completed now to avoid having the boat ramp closed during peak boating season.

The City Dock Improvement project will improve Americans with Disabilities Act access and general accessibility on the dock; expand moorage for visiting boats; and expand tie up for launching and retrieving motorized, trailered boats. In general, the project expands the float system and boat ramp to allow for an improved boater experience, increased accessibility, fewer environmental impacts, and increased access to upland amenities. The project is scheduled to be completed in early spring of 2018.

For more information about the City Dock project visit: <http://www.bainbridgewa.gov/674/Waterfront-Park-Dock-Improvements>.

Badly needed improvements to the city's dock facility will significantly provide access to visiting boaters. Mark Leese and I are following the progress of the dock project and regularly attending the COBI Marine Access Committee meetings.

Dave Kircher
Vice Commodore

From the Rear

Well it must be winter, as we were quite lonely on the sound today. Yes, it was a bit chilly but the smooth water and very clear views all around reminded us of why we keep "Kerb Appeal" ready to go 12 months of the year. It's on those days when you open your eyes to a day like today (11/25) and can get out there and not just wish you had. Unfortunately those winter days are few and far between.

But after winter there is spring, and your Board has been quite busy getting ready for next year's boating season and in general for 2018. We'll give you more detail at the January Annual Meeting. We feel good about our progress toward making our 40th year as a club very special. For example, our first cruise of 2018 will be different than past shakedown where we have been at the mercy of the weather. In May we'll head for Kingston either by boat or car for a weekend highlighted by a Saturday night catered dinner at the Kingston Cove Yacht Club with guest speaker Bill Ray. As the lead instructor with the Seattle Sail and Power squadron, Bill is happy to speak on a variety of subjects including Weather, Radar and Seamanship. If you have a preference or suggestion, send me an email to kerbytersue@aol.com. If you cannot boat to Kingston, we hope you will take the short drive to socialize with your club member friends.

The full list of cruises are shown below, and we still need some Captains. Please let me know if you can help out, as without Captains we will have to cancel cruises.

BAKERS are still needed for the Annual meeting Dessert Dash. At the moment we have 9 desserts promised, ideally we will get to 12. As I mentioned at the last 3rd Friday, **at your request this is no longer a contest between bakers**, if you would like to bake, then by all means, bake!! Just let me know you plan to do so. Many thanks to those who've already signed up.

Happy Holidays
Terry Kerby
Rear Commodore

EHYC ANNUAL MEETING and 40th Anniversary Celebration

January 13, 2018 at the Wing Point Golf and Country Club

Join us for good company, food and a special 'Dessert Dash' to top off the evening!

Please remember your name badges!

Feel free to bring your own wine; corkage is included. Beer and mixed drinks will be available at WPGC member prices. Water and coffee (regular and decaf) will be provided.

Timetable

- 6:00 Passed hors d'oeuvres and conversation
Dessert Dash Rules of Engagement
- 7:00 Buffet Dinner
- 7:45 Dessert Dash Begins
- 8:00 Welcome by our Commodore
Approval of Minutes from 2017 Annual Meeting
Treasurer's Report
Acknowledgements
Change of Watch
Election Results
Question and answer Session

Menu

- ♦ Passed hors d'oeuvres of Blackened Kobe Beef Sirloin on Walnut and Gorgonzola Cracker, Eggplant Caponata on Grilled Baguette

Buffet Dinner

- ♦ Chicken Breast Marsala— Mushroom Marsala Demi Glace
- ♦ Oven Roasted Black Cod (sablefish), Parsnip Puree, Beet root Glace
- ♦ Wild Rice Pilaf
- ♦ Roasted Winter Root Vegetable Medley
- ♦ Sliced Essential Baking Bread and Butter
- ♦ Caesar Salad—Romaine, Crouton, Pecorino Cheese, Lemon
- ♦ Organic Greens—Mixed Greens, Sliced Pear, Walnuts, Basil

Don't Wait! Sign up [HERE](#) starting on December 1

SAFETY CORNER.....by Scott Isenman

Boat Winterizing This is a very good boat winterizing article that was on both Kitsap Sun and King5 websites in November. A reminder for all....

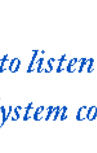
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Get Ready for Our New EHYC 40th Anniversary Hats and Burgees!

To celebrate EHYC's 40th year we have redesigned our logo, modified colors, and are offering newly designed hats and burgees. **In addition, members have the option of adding their name or boat name to hats!**

Newly designed hats with 'Bainbridge Island' on the back will be offered at the January Annual meeting for \$20 each and the 40th Anniversary small and large burgees will sell for \$20 and \$25. Those wishing to customize their hats with their name or boat name on the back can order these at the meeting for \$25 each. Hooray! Throw out your old faded hat and update your fabulous Bainbridge look with a new, improved version that celebrates the club's 40 years of good times on the water!!

Get 'em while they're hot! Purchases can be made at the Annual Meeting with cash or check.



BOARD NEWS

The Board met on November 14. Mark Leese attended the meeting and discussed the club's participation in community service and sailing events. The Board unanimously agreed that it was not in the club's best interest to divide activities or events between sailing and motor vessels. The Board had agreed at an earlier meeting this year that the club was a social organization and that there was little interest among members for most of the community events offered locally. Mark was thanked for his input and suggestions and assured that the Board would act upon some of them, specifically by contacting the Marine Police for ride alongs, and also following up on the possibility of Coast Guard Safety checks at our cruises.

The Board agreed that we will need to adhere to sign up deadlines for cruises and Third Fridays, and that the club would not honor requests for attendance after the posted deadlines.

Samples of the 40th Anniversary logo hats and burgees were reviewed. The faded hat with the 40 club logo was preferred and approved. Plain hats and 40th Anniversary burgees will be sold at the Annual Meeting in January, and orders for custom embroidered hats will be taken at that time.

Michael Zimmer was present and discussed reciprocal usage at Winslow Harbor Marina. The Board approved moving to two slips/one night at the marina. Allan suggested that a presentation geared toward reciprocal use would be beneficial to have at a future Third Friday

The next Board meeting will be held on January 6 and as always, members are welcome to attend. Just let our Commodore know in advance to be sure that seating is available for you.



"Your dad is saying goodbye to his boat for the season. He gets a little emotional this time of year."



Remember to listen to Channel 14 for Ferry System communications



"TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION, FIRST MESSY SWEEP FOR REMOVED FROM THE BOAT. CRACKS IS CALLED CRACKING."

EHYC 2018 CRUISES

Help make our 2018 Cruising Season the best ever! Step up to Captain or CoCaptain one of our mid to late summer events by contacting Terry Kerby at kerbytersue@aol.com.

Dates	Destination	Capt's & CoCapt's	Volunteers Needed!!
May 18—20 Shake Down	Kingston	Kerby/Black/Adair	✓
June 15—17 Crab Feed	Port Townsend	Heath/Moniz	✓
July 13—15	Roche	Bogutz/Rolston	CoCaptains Needed!
August 17—19	Dock St, Tacoma		Captains & CoCaptains Needed!
September 14—16	Gig Harbor	Sicade	CoCaptains Needed!