



Coming Events

- March 16** Third Friday catered event with presentation by Fire Department on Emergency Preparedness
- April 20** Third Friday Catered event with presentation By Bainbridge Sailing Club.
- April 28** Fire Extinguisher Inspection Event at Winslow Wharf
- May 25-27** Shakedown Cruise—Kingston!

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Welcome Aboard!

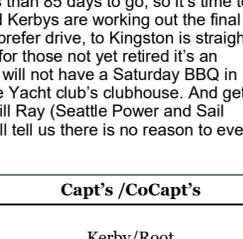
 Our newest members, Michael and Jan Morgan have 55 years experience cruising and sailing the Salish Sea and the St. Lawrence River. They're looking forward to cruising with us on Widgeon, their Ranger Tug 29-S. Welcome Aboard Michael and Jan!

EHYC Officers

- Commodore**
Dave Kircher
- Vice Commodore**
Terry Kerby
- Rear Commodore**
Jon Heath
- Secretary and Newsletter Editor**
Lynn Heath
- Treasurer**
Candy Kanter

From the Bridge

Remember to Boat Safely and Wear a Loud Shirt!



February's Town Hall 3rd Friday event was well attended with excellent and lively participation. Members of the R2AK sailing group, Sail Like a Girl, spoke about their plans for participation in this year's race, and sold t-shirts to support their effort. See below for a link to additional information on [Sail Like a Girl](#). Members discussed sharing destinations and experiences, sharing information on boat maintenance and repairs, doing more cruises, providing an increased welcome to new members at our gatherings, and educating women boaters. Also discussed at the meeting were the formation of several committees to provide more member participation in events, cruises and community service. Detailed information is below. It's not too late to join one of the three committees or to contact a Bridge or Board member with ideas that you may have to improve club events, cruises and participation in our community.

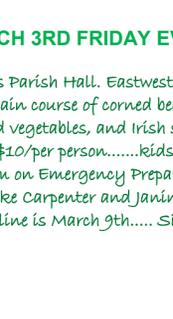
And speaking of cruises, we have a full slate planned for this summer! (See below for final schedule). We are grateful to those of you that stepped forward as Captains and Co-Captains. Are you ready for the shakedown in Kingston? There are less than 85 days to go, so it's time to start thinking through that list to get her ready. The Roots and Kerbys are working out the final details but get ready for a fun weekend. The cruise, or if you prefer drive, to Kingston is straight forward and can accommodate power boaters or sailors, and for those not yet retired it's an easy Friday evening cruise. Unlike last year's shakedown, we will not have a Saturday BBQ in the rain, this year will include a catered meal in Kingston Cove Yacht club's clubhouse. And get set to learn while you are there, as we are fortunate to have Bill Ray (Seattle Power and Sail Squadron instructor) join us to discuss boating weather. Bill will tell us there is no reason to ever be surprised by fog – really? Come see why!

Dates	Destination	Capt's /CoCapt's
May 25-27 Shake Down	Kingston	Kerby/Root
June 15-17 Crab Feed	Port Townsend	Heath/Moniz/Schultz/Strevell
July 6 - 8	Roche	Bogutz/Rolston/Isenman/ Gunderson/Hatch
August 17-19	Dock Street, Tacoma	Sicade/McNair
September 14-16	Port Orchard	Knoebel/Kircher



Former Commodore Allan Bogutz takes the Commemorative Pennant Down Under to Australia and New Zealand.

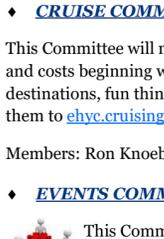
February 3rd Friday Town Hall Meeting Photos



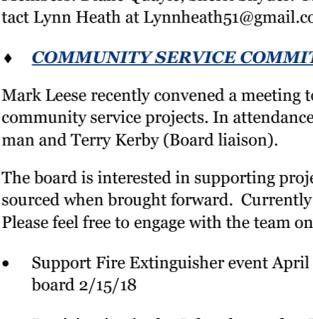
Photos courtesy of Sue Kerby

PLANS FOR MARCH 3RD FRIDAY EVENT

Doors open at 6pm at St. Barnabas Parish Hall. Eastwest Catering will provide a St. Patrick's Day themed main course of corned beef, oven roasted cabbage and vegetables, and Irish soda bread. The cost is \$10/per person.....kids are free. Our program on Emergency Preparedness will be presented by Fire Marshal Luke Carpenter and Janine Courtenanche. RSVP deadline is March 9th..... Sign up now, [HERE](#)



SAIL LIKE A GIRL!



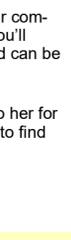
If you attended our February 3rd Friday and saw their presentation, you'll know that their goal is to compete hard and finish well in this year's R2AK (Race to Alaska). The 750 mile, no motor, no support, no kidding boat race is long and treacherous but they're gearing up for adventure. Find out more about and support this intrepid crew on their website [HERE](#)

COMMITTEES AND COMMITTEE PROJECTS

As mentioned above, formation of Committees was well received at the February Town Hall Meeting. Here is some info on our progress so far. We are still seeking volunteers, so please contact the Committee's Board Liaison if you wish to participate in a committee.

◆ CRUISE COMMITTEE—Jon Heath, Board Liaison

This Committee will make suggestions to the Board for cruise locations, events and costs beginning with the 2019 cruise season. If anyone has any ideas about destinations, fun things to do, or other thoughts about our cruises please email them to ehyc.cruising@gmail.com



Members: Ron Knoebel, Teresa Sicade, Sue Kerby, Leo Glahn, Sherry Glahn, Joe Dunstan

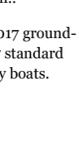
◆ EVENTS COMMITTEE—Lynn Heath, Board Liaison

This Committee will bring to the Board ideas regarding club 3rd Fridays meals, speakers and costs beginning November 2018, the Annual Meeting held in January 2019, and 3rd Friday events from February 2019 through April 2019.

Members: Diane Quayle, Sherri Snyder. More Committee members are needed; please contact Lynn Heath at Lynnheath51@gmail.com if you are interested in participating.

◆ COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE—Terry Kerby, Board Liaison

Mark Leese recently convened a meeting to discuss EHYC engagement with community service projects. In attendance were Tami Allen, Joe Dunstan and Scott Isenman and Terry Kerby (Board liaison).



The board is interested in supporting projects as long as they are well defined and resourced when brought forward. Currently the team is working on the following projects. Please feel free to engage with the team on any project that is of interest to you.

- Support Fire Extinguisher event April 28th set up by Scott Isenman— Approved by the board 2/15/18
- Participation in the July 4th parade - Proposal will NOT be brought forward for this year.
- Support Boaters fair as part of the national night out celebration August 7th. Proposal will be presented at a future board meeting.
- Sponsor the reprinting of the boating, Anchoring and moorage BI waters brochure. Joe is planning to bring forward a proposal at a future date.
- Consider contracting a mobile pump out facility on BI. After discussion the idea was abandoned.
- Greeting visiting vessels at the two reciprocal slips in WWM. Idea may have merit but needs to be fleshed out more.

LOOKING FOR CUSTOM EMBROIDERY ??

For those of you wondering where the very excellent embroidery work done on our commemorative hats and pennants and on last year's Crab Feed prizes came from, you'll want to know that member Lee Moniz' Old Mill Embroidery has done this work and can be reached at valeem@aol.com or www.oldmillembroidery.com

Lee will also embroider our 40th Anniversary logo on clothing or items you bring to her for \$15. You can contact her at valleem@aol.com or www.oldmillembroidery.com to find out about other items available for custom embroidery!

BOARD NEWS

Board of Director Agendas are now posted on the EHYC website, [HERE](#) under Upcoming Board Meeting Agenda. Information for accessing Board meeting minutes on a secure site will be sent to you via email soon. As always, interested members are welcome to attend meetings. Please contact our Commodore in advance of the meeting for exact location, date and time.

RBAW...

A Summary of its 2017 Legislative and Regulatory Victories

by Dave Kircher

Legislative Victories

Flare guns finally exempted from a voter-initiative handgun buyer background check, with result that now WA boaters can once again buy marine flare guns.

- Vessel impoundment limited; to be used only as "a last resort" when boat operator is impaired.
- Held off Special-interest legislation by Des Moines and Oak Harbor for these two municipal marinas (only!) to get DNR lease-fee exemption that other municipal marinas willingly pay.

- Finally! Others are helping fund AIS efforts: Visiting boaters must now chip in \$20/year for a permit to support compliance with Aquatic Invasive Species enforcement. Visitor permit is obtained in same system as a fishing license at designated locations; we resident boaters already pay \$2/year as part of state registration fees. Obtaining funding from hoped-for other sources was not successful.

Regulatory Agency Victories and Updates

- Seaplane landing zone on Lake Union, by its very shape (recommended by RBAW, cannot exclude boats.
- Seattle ship canal bridges will stay "open on demand", not on a schedule as Seattle DOT requested.

- Led successful effort thru DoLicensing that there would be no \$12 State re-titling charge for compliance with new Federal HIN requirements where affected owners must re-title specific WA registered boats

- RBAW joins the Commercial fleets, in continuing to oppose an all Puget Sound-wide No Discharge Zone (for treated sewage discharges) without scientific evidence to support the designation..

- State L&I dept WILL be revising WA adoption of new federal National Electrical Code 2017 ground-fault leakage requirements for marinas; RBAW/NMTA convinced L&I that proposed 2017 standard was possibly unattainable by marinas due to cumulative effects of tiny leakages from many boats. Revised standards were shown to be still "safe".

Safety Corner.....by Scott Isenman

Have you ever noticed the decals on the side of a mast that identify a USCG Auxiliary inspected vessel? Have you ever wondered what that was about and if you should get one? The simple answer is yes, you should, for two reasons. The first reason is that the inspection is free of charge and designed to help you comply with current national and local regulations, which will help you avoid a citation and fines should the US Coast Guard board your vessel for an inspection (which they do with some frequency). The second reason is to help ensure the safety of your vessel by making sure you have what you need to deal with an emergency.

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary offers free courtesy inspections to boaters who wish to ensure that their boat and equipment meets all federal and state safety requirements. The vessel examiners who perform these examinations are specially trained and informed on the latest legal requirements, but they have no legal authority. The goal is to prevent boaters from receiving equipment-related citations from the Coast Guard and to prevent accidents by promoting vessel safety.

These inspections are intended to be an educational experience. The vessel examiners check that all required safety items are onboard and in good working order. If they find everything in compliance, they will award a decal to affix to your boat. If not, they will review any violations and discuss how to comply. If requested, they will also review the proper use of any safety equipment, such as life saving devices and fire extinguishers.

To find out when inspections are scheduled for your area, contact the Department of Information and Communication Services via e-mail at webmaster@cgaux.org or call Coast Guard Customer Infoline at 1-800-368-5647. If you have a group interested in organizing a local inspection, you may be able to arrange for a special appointment. The website shared by the USCG Auxiliary and the US Power Squadron is a good one for preparing yourself and your vessel for an inspection. They have information on all the requirements to help you prepare, a listing of the items that most often cause a boat to fail an inspection, and contact information for arranging an inspection in your area. Click [HERE](#) for more information.



Remember to listen to Channel 14 for Ferry System communications and/or to contact our Ferry System's operators.

Our EHYC 40th Anniversary Commemorative Hats and Pennants Celebrate Its Original Design!

Newly designed 40 year Anniversary hats can now be ordered online. They'll also be offered for sale at our 3rd Fridays. Hats with 'Bainbridge Island' on the back sell for \$20 each and customized hats with your name or boat name on the back sell for \$25. 40th Anniversary small and large pennants will also sell on our website for \$20 and \$25. Check it out [HERE](#)