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Gig Harbor Yacht Club General Monthly Meeting & Dinner Wednesday, January 9, 2008

Cocktails: 6:00 p.m. Dinner: 7:00 p.m. Meeting: 8:00 p.m.
Dinner is by **reservation only**. All are invited to the meeting.

***Thanks to our Chef...
Kelly Platt***

For
Reservations / Cancellations

Call GHYC at (253) 851-1807
and select Option #1

Please call NO LATER than
Sunday, January 6th

MENU

Islands Salad

**Panko Crusted Chicken Breast
with Mango Salsa**

Coconut Prawns

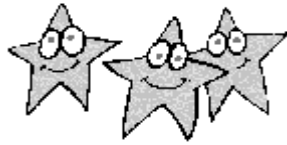
Basmati & Wild Rice

Gingered Carrots

Dessert

\$13.00 per person

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NO REPORT

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FROM THE "REAR"



NO REPORT

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SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS



I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday season and wish you all a healthy and happy 2008.

At this time, I am thankful to say I have no Shadows to report.

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LOST AND FOUND

Did you take home the wrong coat last spring? I am missing a short black hooded raincoat, with a gray zip-in lining. There is another short black coat in the coat closet at the club, so I think someone may have taken home the wrong one. If you have, please contact **Cathy Hasson** at (253) 858-0761 or e-mail terrecat64@comcast.net. Thanks!

Dinner Reservation Procedure

If you would like to make dinner reservations at any of the upcoming GHYC General Meetings, you must call (253) 851-1807 and select Option 1 to leave your information. Dinner reservations and/or cancellations are due the Sunday before the meeting. Any unused reservations which have not been cancelled will be billed to the member.

POWER BOAT REPORT



IPBA Annual Awards Banquet

In a regrettable omission, I neglected to mention in last month's article how GHYC members fared with regard to IPBA trophy hardware at the Annual Awards Banquet in November. Well...GHYC members did not fare very well overall for the "Hardware" handed out at this event for year 2007. All but one, however...Gig Harbor Yacht Club's favorite "NOVICE LOGGER" Chuck Irwin received this year's "Novice Skipper of the Year" award for IPBA's South Sound Section. The Novice Award is bestowed upon a contestant who has competed less than three years in IPBA sanctioned contests, finishing with the highest overall score during the year. Chuck received this award for his astonishing finish in the GHYC Invitational contest in March 2007. Congratulations to Chuck and Beth Irwin aboard their boat *Laughing Place*.

You too could be a winner. You simply need to take the plunge and give this great sport a try. As I always say in closing these articles, "Learn what it's all about" by contacting me or any of the other GHYC Predicted Log Racers and let's see how many new "Loggers" we can produce this next season.

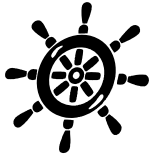
The 2008 season will begin with Queen City Yacht Club's First of Season event slated for January 19, 2008 to be held at their Club on Portage Bay. Then it's Bremerton Yacht Club's Heavy Weather event over President's Day weekend in February. It is reported that this year BYC is taking the "Race Day" back to Saturday instead of Sunday as has been the case for the last couple of years. Following Heavy Weather is the MBYC's Boomerang March 1, 2008 and then it is our turn with the Gig Harbor Yacht Club's Invitational on March 29, 2008. I really hope to see a huge number of "NEW" Racers for our contest. Let's get started by giving me a call if you are interested.

Learn what it's all about

Please call me if you have an interest in learning about predicted log racing. Many GHYC racers and I would be happy to go out with you on your boat to "run the mile" and help you with obtaining your boat's "flat water speed." Check out the IPBA web site: www.ipbalogracing.org

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT



Our yacht club had a real run on membership during the last two months. I imagine people were getting in ahead of the reinstatement of the \$500 initiation fee commencing in 2008. Please join me in welcoming the following as new members:

Tom & Sarah Brown	Carver Voyager 2827
Stan & Sue Bumgarner	Tollycraft 30
Lisa Barron & Norm McWeeny	Sea Ray 25
Rod Norman	looking for a boat
Julian & Patti Keith	Martini Diesel Launch 21
Mike McCoy & Carolyn Zierath	looking for a boat
Jim & Chela Zusy	Ericson 27
Gary Crane	Carver 53
Jo Mallan & Dennis Beckley	Mainship 34
Lee & Karen McDowell	Larson 24
Gary & Rosalie Williamson	Ranger Tug 25
Pete Carr	Choy Lee (sail) 41
Carl Carlson & Karen Kimbrough	
John & Edith Frank	
Peter Glein	<u>Merry Christmas from Mom & Dad</u>

As a reminder, in order for membership applications to be considered by the board, the prospective new members must first be introduced at a meeting (Article IV, Sec. 7 of the Bylaws).

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FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Happy Holidays to all! Another year has passed and we have so much to be thankful for! It was a great year with our friends and family out on the water. As the New Year approaches we hope all of you make a note on your resolution list to be out on the water more! There are two cruises coming up - the first one is January 25th-27th to Tacoma at the Dock Street Marina. For most of us this is a short cruise, which means we get more time together! By the January meeting we will have an agenda, but if you like to live on the edge you can sign up now! Just email us (chuck.irwin@comcast.net) to let us know you intend to come. The cruise fee is \$20.

The second cruise is in February, to Bremerton for the Heavy Weather Log Race. If you have never participated in a log race, this is a great time to try it. Jim Anderson is extremely helpful in preparing you for the race. You need to time your boat - something to do with RPMs and needing a mile (hey...I'm just the lunch girl during the race on my boat), and I understand that the Tacoma waterfront is just the place to time your boat! Attending the January cruise is a bonus for you then! The Log Racers are a great group of people and if you ask any of them, they will tell you that Log Racing is "a social event." So load your boat up with people and go out for a cruise on a February afternoon - you won't even know you are racing! Seriously...you won't pass another boat, and yet somehow this is called a race! That explains the social event part! As we get closer to February we will get more information out - but definitely contact Jim Anderson for information on how to time your boat before then!

Happy New Year!

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SAILBOAT REPORT



We hope you all received new sailboat goodies over the holiday.

The Southern Sound Series got underway on December 1st with the TYC Winter Vashon Race. Congratulations go out to the crews of *Wildflower* (3rd in class) and *Jam* (5th in class). The series resumes again in January.

Plan ahead NOW to compete in the GHYC Islands Race which will be held on March 15th. Of special interest is a growing CRUISING CLASS that will be included in the Islands Race. This is a great opportunity for the non-cutthroat sailors to go out and have a ball with fellow casual sailors. No experience, fancy gear, or boat handicap is required.

Be sure and join us for this fun event. More information will follow.

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BEGINNING BOATING CLASS

Del and I, as Power Squadron members, will be teaching a beginning boating class that will satisfy the new licensing requirements on January 12 and 13 at the Purdy Fire Station, 5210 144th St NW, Gig Harbor from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. both days.

Those 20 years old and younger must have the license in 2008 to operate most boats.

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