

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 2007

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Gig Harbor Yacht Club General Monthly Meeting & Dinner Wednesday, October 10, 2007

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, October 7th

MENU

Green Salad

Stuffed Pork Loin

Roasted Root Vegetables

Birthday Cake

13.00 per person

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COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

Our 50th anniversary is here! GHYC had its first organizing meeting on October 16, 1957 and the first dues were paid on November 6, 1957.

Two events will commemorate the formation of our club. We'll enjoy birthday cake and ice cream at the October 10th general meeting and our Nifty Fifties Dinner, Auction and Dance is coming November 3rd. The Dinner/Auction/Dance is one of our biggest parties of the year. Dress up in '50's garb and enjoy a night of fun. Contact Louise Babbitt at (253) 857-8687 for reservations and donations. Friends are welcome too.

Thanks to **John Bare, E.G. Foote, Dan McCormick and Vern Scott** for barbecuing the steaks at the September general meeting. And **Bob Ellsworth** and **Jackie** were great behind the bar. Twenty-one Past Commodores or their surviving wives were present at the meeting where they were honored for years of service to the club. I was delighted to have **Barbara Carlson** (1962), 5th Commodore Richard Carlson's wife, **Gwyneth Nightingale** (1978), 21st Commodore Bert Nightingale's wife, **Nancy Records** (1979), 22nd Commodore Ron Records' wife and 37th Commodore **Dave and Ellie Johnson** (1994) at my table for the dinner. Altogether we had one P/C from the '60's, two from the '70's, four from the '80's, eight from the '90's and six from the new millennium in attendance. And I have pictures of **John Bare** (23rd Commodore from 1980 – the most senior P/C attending not represented by a surviving wife) swinging on the dance floor in 1978. Some old photos will be on display at our October 10th general meeting. Don't forget to make your reservations and enjoy some 50th anniversary cake.

We are in the process of updating our e-mail list. If you do not receive e-mail updates from Web Master **Kim Evans** please e-mail your address to her at info@gigharboryc.com. Another technological advance we are working on is distributing the **Coxswain** via e-mail to as many members as possible. This saves time, paper and considerable postage costs. E-mail me at Aleingang@centurytel.net if you are willing to receive the **Coxswain** electronically rather than in paper form. As always I appreciate any thoughts, suggestions or help. Feel free to call me at (253) 232-3972.

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FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT



Welcome Home! I can't believe that summer is over already - probably because the weather was so weird. (Did we really have a summer?) By the time you read this we will have already had our Wagon Wheel. Actually, it looked more like an egg - but it was a lot of fun! We had a band again this year and the usual "*It's too loud!*", but by 8pm it was all quiet except for the splash of GHYC members falling in! Rick Evans performed a very nice head over heels while tying up his boat to receive the chicken, but Chuck Irwin on *Laughin' Place* did a splendid slip and slide in the water to take over the chicken. It is now sporting a cool set of Mickey Mouse ears befitting of *Laughin' Place*. The guys golfed on Sunday while the women spent the day in the sun relaxing. I would like to thank **Barry & Marilee Chun, Steve & Jen Schultz** and **Dick & Eva Bennison** for bringing their boats out early to get the wheel (egg) started. It was great seeing everyone and meeting all the new people that came.

It's time again for fall boating - one of my favorite times! We have the Oktoberfest Cruise coming up September 28th, 29th and 30th. This cruise is being hosted by **Kevin & Toni Kohler** at Longbranch. So get your Dirndls and Lederhosen out and be prepared to have lots of yummy German food and beverages! The cruise fee is \$15.00. Mailing your check to Chuck & Beth Irwin (8912 65th St Ct W, University Place, WA 98467) will confirm your reservation. It's always helpful to have an email so we know to expect you and your check!

Our next cruise is the Halloween Cruise to Eagle Harbor. We are currently looking for some very spooky and ghoulish people to host this cruise. If you are interested, please email Chuck and Beth Irwin.

We still have two cruises in need of hosts - February's Heavy Weather and May's Memorial Day cruises.

Chuck & Beth Irwin • (253) 566-6786 • chuck.irwin@comcast.net

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.

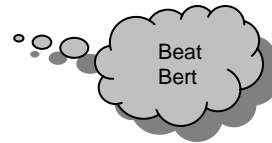
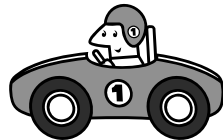
THE GHYC 50TH ANNIVERSARY AUCTION

NOVEMBER 3, 2007
SAVE THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW

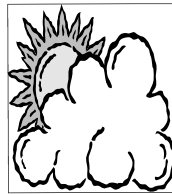
Buy your tickets (\$40 ea) at the next general membership meeting or from
Doug Allen, (253) 853-6322. Remember, the theme is "50's."
Dress the part.

Can't come?? You can still support the Auction with a donation. Your check will benefit
the GHYC Growth Fund designed to finance major Club improvements.

We also still need your auction donations. Think big, be creative:
condo vacations, seaplane rides, group dinners, premium wines,
dinner with Bill Gates, 100 gallons of diesel. Let your imagination run wild.
Call or e-mail Bert, Rhonda, or Louise.



SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS



The good news is that I haven't had any Shadows reported this month. The bad news is that I haven't had any Sunshine either. Please share your good news with me so I can "Spread the Sunshine." I might have to start making up some Sunshine and Shadows. If you don't want to hear about my Aunt Bessie's bunions and my Uncle Billy Bob's great win at bingo last week, then send me your news.

Cambria Duffy • (253) 858-0727 • kellyandcambria@centurytel.net

VICE COMMODORE'S NOTES



Welcome back to all GHYC members from your summer events and into the 2007-2008 yacht club year. We have already had our first very well-attended monthly meeting and spirits are high.

By the time this reaches you, we will have already had our Salmon Barbeque. Joni and I want to thank all of you who volunteered to help make this a great event. **John Bare** and **Vern Scott**, thank you for stepping up year after year and assisting with the salmon acquisition and cooking.

Thanks to **P/C Bert Beneville** and his crew for all their efforts in putting on the GHYC yard sale.

I have already been receiving suggestions and ideas on what members would like to see in improvements around the club and activities added to the cruise events. Based on that input I will be building a "suggestion box" that will be available for everyone. As we move forward into the next 50 years of this club, it will be the ideas, actions and volunteerism of the members that will continue to make this a great yacht club.

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CALLING ALL GHYC PAST COMMODORES

The Silver Star Ball will be held at Everett Yacht Club on October 20, 2007. Unfortunately, this is all I know. I contacted our counterpart and he said he would get more information for me. Whether invitations will be sent or not, I do not know. I will keep you informed as I hear more. So, mark your calendars and let's show the Grand Fourteen strength in numbers from the GHYC.

P/C Kelly Duffy

FROM THE "REAR"



The new Rear Commodores of the Grand Fourteen yacht clubs had their first get-together on Sunday following the Junior Officer's Ball at Port Orchard Yacht Club. We have organized ourselves as the Lively Lobsters; so if you see Mary and me sporting lobster paraphernalia please don't think we developed an unusual affinity for east coast, bottom dwelling crustaceans. Recent R/C group symbols have included: Ransfords-Light Keepers; Andersons-Sea Stars; Hassons-Navigators; Duffys-Sea Turtles; Leingangs-Daring Dungeness; and Covers-Pirates. The group of 14 R/C's and spouses get together about once a month for the duration of our time on our respective YC bridges. This gives us the opportunity to learn about boating activities across Puget Sound and share ideas to improve the yacht club experience for all of our members.

Thank you to the set-up crew for the September meeting, including **Tom Ransford, Louise Babbitt, Harry Hovey, V/C David and Joni Cover**. **Eva Bennison** provided the flowers from her yard. Since this is the second year she has done this, can we now call this a September meeting tradition? Mary would like to have a few volunteers to help her with table decorations for upcoming meetings. So if you have a creative flair, please give her a call.

I need assistance with the dinner/meeting set-up, especially for the October and November meetings. My professorial duties at Portland State require that I be on campus Monday-Wednesday for the next 11 weeks. I will be able to get back to Gig Harbor in time for the meetings, but not the set-ups.

The Crab Feed will be on Sunday, February 3, 2008, which just happens to be Super Bowl Sunday. Since this is the second year that the Feed has coincided with the Super Bowl, it seems we may have another GHYC tradition developing! Mary and I will start organizing the Feed as soon as David and Joni's Salmon Dinner is digested.

We owe **Cathy Hasson** a big Thank You for all of the work she did during the summer cleaning up and organizing the basement. It was huge job in less than ideal working conditions. She has now turned her attention to the Shed. PLEASE, PLEASE do your part in keeping both areas organized.

Reminder, Men's Luncheons are on Thursdays from 11:30 to 1:00. Please join us for lunch and in-depth boating conversations (\$12.50). Guests are welcome. Call or e-mail Kelly Platt for reservations (253-312-9814 or mikep@centurytel.net).

We're hoping for great boating weather this fall and lots of active members.

Dick Sapp • (253) 853-3021 • sappr@pdx.edu

Bylaws Report Upcoming Vote on Proposed Amendment to Bylaws

Last spring the Board of Trustees ratified a proposed change to Article VI, Section 5 (b) of the Club's Bylaws concerning Senior Membership and is sending the proposal to the Membership for consideration.

As required by Article X of our Bylaws the proposed amendment to the Bylaws has been read to the Membership at the September 12, 2007 General meeting.

A motion to adopt this proposed amendment followed by discussion & voting is scheduled for our October 10, 2007 General Meeting. All interested voting eligible Members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Proposed Revision:

ARTICLE VI Membership, Fees and Dues

Section 5 (b). A Senior Membership is an optional Membership, where either the Active or Associate Member is at least sixty-five (65) years of age and who has been an Active or Associate Member for twenty (20) consecutive years prior to application for Senior Membership status. When proof of all the requirements have been presented to the Secretary, Senior Membership shall be granted by the Board of Trustees. A Senior Member shall be required to pay annual dues equal to fifty percent (50%) of the dues paid by an Active Member, and shall be entitled to hold any elective office and vote at any meeting. Current Senior Members shall retain their Senior Membership status and shall be eligible to vote and hold elective office. This revision shall take effect once approved by the Membership in accordance with the Bylaws.

Note: If approved by the Membership, the last statement will be replaced with a statement of the effective date for amendment.

MEN'S LUNCHEONS

Men's Luncheons will be held every Thursday in October. For information, contact Kelly Platt at (253) 312-9814 or email her at mikep@centurytel.net.



Recreational Boating Association of Washington (RBAW)

It appears that RBAW will play a role of watchdog in Olympia this coming year, along with trying to get some of last year's bills of interest that were lost in committee moving again.

House Bill 1651, which would secure \$2 million from the general fund, will be coming to state boating programs. The bill mandates 80% of the funds towards marine law enforcement. RBAW will be involved in how the funds can best be distributed to statewide agencies.

RBAW will have an interest in finding solutions that will satisfy national EPA requirements, allow the Joint Transportation Committee and the Washington State Transportation Dept. to make a decision, and allow the Federal Highway Administration to sign a decision of record pertaining to the Portage Bay section and the Montlake Interchange section of the SR520 bridge alignment.

On the national level, two important issues are on the immediate horizon. A recent US District Court ruling holds the EPA accountable for the regulation of normal operational discharges on every recreational boat. BOAT US and the National Boating Federation (of which we are members) took the bull by the horns and moved to craft House Rule 2550, the Recreational Boating Act of 2007. HR 2550 will continue a 34 year old exemption applied to recreational boats, and release the EPA from having to put together an expensive bureaucratic national permit system by September 30, 2008.

We urge everyone to contact our legislators, asking that they co-sponsor HR 2550.

The National Boating Federation recently learned of the small vessel security summit, and the perceived threat by small vessels to maritime security. The NBF was invited to offer their thoughts and suggestions on this important subject. The boating community will need to cooperate with the Homeland Security Dept. and the Coast Guard to assist in achieving adequate deterrent to prevent this threat (or at least mitigate the risk). Numerous suggestions and plans are now coming to the surface for consideration.

One last note: If you are 20 years old and younger, you will need your educational card on January 1, 2008 in order to operate a vessel of 15 hp or greater. 25 years and younger will need it on January 1, 2009. Check out www.parks.wa.gov/boating.

Dick Schultz • (253) 265-2129

MEMBERSHIP REPORT



We are pleased to welcome sixteen new members to the Gig Harbor Yacht Club. Approved at the June 20th meeting were **John & Beth Dunham, Ross & Colleen Mead, Brett & Cathy Hayfield, Nick & Julie DiRe, and Wayne Withrow and Tanya Baker.** Additionally, **Andrew & Sheryl Diamond, Robert & Diane Huff and Mike & Janet Minehan** were approved at the September 19th board meeting.

Please get in touch with your boating friends who might benefit from membership in the club! After the first of the year, the initiation fee of \$500, which has been waived for the last eight years, will be reinstated! They must be introduced on or before the December 12th dinner meeting and submit their application and a \$400 dues check before the December 19th board meeting in order to beat the initiation fee deadline!

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LADIES NIGHT OUT

**Crostini Assortment
Wild Mushroom Confit & Barley Salad
Butternut Squash Tortellini
Berry & Chocolate Crème Brulee Tart**

Ladies, does this menu sound good to you? Please join us for our first Ladies Night Out of the year on Friday, October 19 at 6:00 p.m. As usual, Kelly Platt will be preparing this feast for us and all we have to do is enjoy. The cost will be \$18.00. Please send a check made out to Kelly Platt to me, Catherine Stevens, 10902 Colvos Dr., NW, Gig Harbor, WA, 98332. I will need the check by October 17 so that I can give numbers to Kelly. Please remember that this is for any of your friends and they do not have to be yacht club members. Hope to see a lot of you on the 19th. If there are any questions please call me at (253) 851-3596 or email cathymstevens@yahoo.com.

POWER BOAT REPORT



TYC Jack Hyde - Sept 29, 2007

By the time you get this, the 2007 running of Tacoma Yacht Club's "Jack Hyde Memorial Navigation Contest" will most likely be under way or completed. I will have results to for this contest by the October meeting and also for the next Coxswain.

Port Orchard Fall Round-up - October 13, 2007

Following the Jack Hyde, this will be the last IPBA contest for the year. POYC always puts on a great contest and a fun "social event" as well.

For all members who may want to participate in this contest, I will have race meetings on the two Thursdays prior to this event (10/04 & 10/11) at the Club at 7:00 p.m.

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

Jim Anderson • (253) 857-3306 • JamesA101@centurytel.net

WIC

Women's Interclub Luncheons are beginning for another year. October 18th is our first luncheon at Edmonds YC. I need to know if you will be going by October 3rd. On November 13th the luncheon will be at our club. I need helpers to decorate and set up the tables the afternoon before. We also offer raffle baskets. You gals have graciously donated these in the past, and we need 10 of them. Please let me know if you would be able to put together a basket, and thank you in advance.

This will be an exciting year for WIC. Since it is our 50th Anniversary, there will be a special luncheon April 5th for all clubs to attend together. It will be held in Tacoma on a Saturday. Also, this year I need an alternate to represent our club. If you would like to assist, let me know.

**Margaret Ann Hardwick • (253) 858-2664
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SAILBOAT REPORT



Summer racing brought several GHYC boats to the starting line in many events. The Regional Thunderbird Championship, held in Seattle in June, saw our own **Jaime Storkman** and *Fandango* tied for first. They lost in a tie-breaking formula, for a very respectable second place finish. *Fandango* came back in August to win the Center for Wooden Boats Thunderbird Rendezvous. Congratulations Jaime!

Whidbey Island Race Week is arguably the most competitive regatta of the year. Three GHYC boats participated. Congratulations to **Mike & Sheila Mordue** aboard *Wind Chaser* (6th in class), **Michael Pearson** on *Bifrost 3* (2nd in class), and **Kelly Busey** sailing *Frolic* (4th in class), for getting their boats to the starting line five days in a row!

Single and double handed sailboat racing is experiencing a surge in participation throughout Puget Sound. CYCT's Vashon Challenge, which circumnavigates Vashon Island, brought over 30 boats to the start line, including three GHYC boats. Congratulations to **Mark Jorgenson** aboard *Wave Walker* for a second place finish in class 2B spinnaker division and 12th place overall. Jaime Storkman and *Fandango* were 1st in class 2C spinnaker division AND 1st overall. Way to go Jaime! Mike & Sheila Mordue sailed *Wind Chaser* to a second place finish in class 3B and finished 6th in the overall standings. Congratulations Mike and Sheila.

GHYC's August Evening Series saw over 20 boats compete in this low key "racing" event. Storkman's *Fandango*, Mordue's *Wind Chaser*, Busey's *Frolic*, and **Arbrogast's Mirage** chased each other around the harbor every Thursday night in August. We had breeze every night and delightful after-race gatherings at Spiro's. We were pleasantly surprised to have several junior sailors from the TYC Junior Program launch their lasers and join in the fun. Thanks for coming out Juniors! We were all amazed when the 83' Tall Ship *Amazing Grace* sailed down the race course during the last race of the series. Quite a sight!

GHYC's Jack and Jill Race was held on September 8th and 9th. This year we sailed to Blake Island. We had a fantastic potluck dinner on Saturday evening, then sailed back to Gig Harbor on Sunday. We were blessed with a 15 to 20 knot northerly both days. GHYC boats that sailed were *Wind Chaser*, *Wildflower*, *Frolic*, and *Fandango*. We had eight boats total, which was down from previous years. Thanks to **Darcy & Gary Cousins** aboard their beautiful, new to them, President 41 *Mojo*, for their race committee work!

Congratulations to **Tom Mitchell** and crew aboard *Wildflower* for their 3rd place finish in SYC's Star and Bar regatta held on September 15th and 16th.

GYHC's Lemans Race is slated for Saturday November 10th. It would be wonderful to get as many GHYC boats on the start line for this fantastic event as possible. Mark your calendars!

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