

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 2008

### OCTOBER

- 2 EDUCATION NIGHT AT GHYC  
3,4,5 OKTOBERFEST CRUISE  
8 GHYC GENERAL MEETING  
15 GHYC BOARD MEETING  
  
24 TGIF AT GHYC  
  
31, 1, HALLOWEEN CRUISE

### NOVEMBER

- 6 EDUCATION NIGHT AT GHYC  
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15 GHYC FUNDRAISER EVENT  
  
19 GHYC BOARD MEETING  
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30 DECORATE GHYC FOR THE HOLIDAYS

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## Gig Harbor Yacht Club General Monthly Meeting & Dinner Wednesday, October 8, 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, October 5, 2008**

### MENU

Sauerbraten

Smashed Potatoes  
With horseradish & chives

Red Cabbage with  
apples and onions

Dessert & Coffee  
**\$15.00 per person**

8209 Stinson Avenue, Gig Harbor, Washington 98335

## COMMODORE'S MESSAGE



It's October and I bet you're still trying to figure out where our summer went. I know that I am. It's time to start marking up those calendars for upcoming events. We have the first **TGIF on September 26th** followed by the **Education Program Event** spearheaded by Mike Elwell on **Thursday, October 2nd**. Break out your lederhosen for the **Oktoberfest cruise October 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4th** and plan on attending the Woman's Inner Club (**WIC**) **luncheon October 21st**. There will be members of seven other yacht clubs attending the lunch. Our own **Mary Sapp** will be discussing "Semester at Sea".

I'd like to reiterate my comments from the September dinner meeting. I have had many requests to shorten the business portion of our meeting. I agree with this and I intend to accomplish this in part by requesting all Committee Chairs to have their reports, if they have reports, in the Coxswain. This information reaches every member in the club, not just the members who attend the meetings.

There has been a few members expressing an interest in keeping the reports for the meetings. The change of format by no means stops a Committee Chair from addressing the membership at a meeting if they have new information, updates, requests for volunteers or information of value to the club. My intent is to allow for more time for socializing after the meeting is concluded. I thank you for your support.

Keeping in tune with my quest to promote volunteering for the GHYC's activities, I want to thank **Dick Schultz** for all the years that he has been the Committee Chair for RBAW. He is moving on to a different position within RBAW and is passing the torch to a new Committee Chair as of October 30<sup>th</sup>. **Chuck Irwin** and **Paul Thorpe** have stepped up to the plate and will become the Committee Chairs. **Thank you, Chuck & Paul.** **Tom Ransford** has stepped down from the Education Committee Chair but I am pleased to report that **Mike Elwell** has developed a series of educational evenings currently on our calendar that will certainly prove to be of value to the membership. **Thank you, Mike!**

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## BOATING EDUCATION/PUBLIC INVITED TO GHYC

We are trying something new this year! We are going to have a series of programs at the GHYC on Safety, Boating Tasks, Boating Maintenance and Boating Fun. They will be the first Thursday of the following months: October 2, November 6, February 5, March 5, April 2, May 7 and June 4. These programs are open to the public, boaters of Gig Harbor. **PLEASE INVITE GUESTS!**

The concept is this: Invite boating friends to come and join us at the GHYC for an informational program in a casual environment with refreshments. You act as a host and show off our wonderful club. We all learn something on safety and become better boaters. Your friends see our club and are invited to join, or just have a wonderful evening.

**COST:** \$5.00 per person  
(Includes: chips, soda, coffee, cookies & ice cream)

**WHEN:** October 2nd

**TIME:** Social: 6:00PM—7:00PM  
Program: 7:00PM—9:00 PM

**TOPIC:** Medical program for all boat owners

**PRESENTER:** Bill Shoemaker  
Paramedic Gig Harbor Fire Department, Medical Division.

Bill has experienced multitudes of casualties in his Army medivac unit and GHFD career. He is an outstanding individual who is willing to discuss boating first aid and preparations to equip your boat for a medical emergency. What you do and don't could save someone's life aboard your boat.

**WE NEED OUR MEMBERS SUPPORT FOR THESE PROGRAMS!**

## POWER BOAT REPORT

### IPBA International Cruiser Contest (July 26, 2008)



The end of July was the time and Maple Bay (Gulf Islands) was the place. Well.....P/C Don & Carolie Larson represented GHYC very well and came away with 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Class 3. What's that you ask....How did your Power Boat Chair do? Fidalgo did the "Dungeness Stroll" through the San Juan Islands for a couple of weeks as consolation for neglecting to pack our bird's papers and.....oh yeah we forgot our papers as well.

### SYC Stimson (September 13, 2008)

This was the 2<sup>nd</sup> to last contest this year and it sounds as though a great time was had by 20 contestant vessels from all over Puget Sound, Portage Bay and Lake Washington. This contest is hosted by SYC and is run out of their outstation at Port Madison on the north end of Bainbridge Island. Unfortunately, Fidalgo (Linda & I) could not participate in this year's running due to a wedding conflict. GHYC was represented, however, by George and Louise Babbitt aboard their boat General Quarters placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in Class 4. Congratulations, George and Louise, and many thanks for representing GHYC.

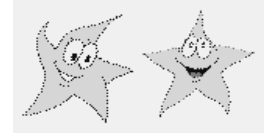
### POYC Fall Round-up (October 11, 2008)

Last one of the season and Linda and I most certainly plan to participate (even if we forget our papers). If anyone is interested in participating, please let me know and I will help all that I can in getting you setup and if nothing else, we can trade the "current horror stories" via email.

### Learn what it's all about

Please feel free to call me if you have an interest in learning about predicted log racing and I (along with many other GHYC Racers) 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](http://www.ipbalogracing.org)

## FROM THE VICE COMMODORE



By the time you read this, the 2008 Salmon Feed will be history. I want to thank the members from Pleasurecraft Marina for being the crew on the job! Starting at the far end of the dock, we had **Dan & Karin McCormick, Jim & Lynne Watson, Jim & Linda Anderson, Gary & Darcie Cousins, Tom & Nancy Ransford and Gary & Rosalie Williamson**. We had to adopt a few members into the Pleasurecraft family just to get all the talent we needed, including our Chefs and crew **John Bare, Vern Scott, Mike Burton, Doyle & Judy Warnock, EG Foote, John Howard and Doug & Barbara Allen**.

Men's Luncheon has started-up again. I would like to encourage all men in the club to attend. We meet at 11:30 on Thursday morning. Lunch is served at noon and the event wraps-up by 1:00. Our Chef, Kelly Platt, provides a gourmet meal for a \$12.50 charge. Reservations are required so that Kelly can accurately plan the meal and purchase the food. Kelly would like to have a FIRM head-count by noon on Sunday (at least 15 members) so that she can plan the meal. We all need to get into the habit of either making our next week's reservation at the lunch the prior week, or by calling Kelly by noon on Sunday.

Please plan to attend, especially if you are a new boater or have questions about boat operation, maintenance or destinations. Many of the best boating minds of the club are here each Thursday morning. I have learned more about operating and maintaining our sailboat and trawler over the last five-years, that I have been attending these lunches, than from any other source and it only costs me the price of a fine meal. Best educational bargain in the area!

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## FROM THE REAR COMMODORE

Well we're off to another great season! We had a great turnout for our first meeting of the year, and we've got some new interesting events coming up. **Mike Elwell** has put together a series of monthly educational seminars on Thursday nights, beginning with the first one on October 2<sup>nd</sup> on "First aid at sea and what to do afloat until you can get to medical help". One of our local paramedics will be presenting this program. As boaters, we should all attend this presentation before an emergency occurs. This is just the first of many great programs Mike has planned. Please check the Coxswain for upcoming seminars and try to attend and bring a friend or two, since it's also open to the public. GHYC has also joined the Chamber of Commerce. You may have seen our picture in the Gateway on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations are in order to **Michael and Sheila Mordue**. Their boat, *Wind-chaser*, took first place overall in the GHYC's Thursday night sailboat racing series in August. The series is an informal in-the-harbor race, where everyone has a great time. The crew all celebrate afterwards at Spiro's for pizza, beer and to swap stories. For any sailors in the club, the next series will be in May, 2009. Plan to come out and join the fun!

Committees are currently being put together for upcoming events, and now is your chance to volunteer, get involved and help make this next year the best ever! **Volunteers are needed for our New Year's Eve party, our annual fundraiser event in November, predicted log races, decorated boat for next year's Opening Day and more.....** If you're interested in enriching your experience with the club and making friends, please volunteer some time. You can contact any member of the bridge, and we'll get you connected to the right people.

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## OPEN HOUSE

In conjunction with our normal TGIF on October 24th (5-8PM) we will be hosting an Open House for prospective new members. Please invite anyone who might be interested in GHYC membership to join us.

In order to serve a larger than normal crowd we are asking that our members attending **bring an appetizer to share.**

Please let me know if you are bringing guests so we can plan on having enough beverages.

Louise Babbitt lbabbitt@centurytel.net

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## PHOTO OF THE MONTH AUGUST IN-HARBOR SERIES



## NEW YEAR'S EVE

We are planning a **GREAT celebration** for your enjoyment. Remember to invite your friends and join us this year. Tickets will go on sale at the November General Meeting. Watch the next edition of the Coxswain for price information.

**Committee volunteers are needed!** Call George & Louise if you are available.

Louise Babbitt lbabbitt@centurytel.net 253-857-8687

## LADIES NIGHT OUT

We are having our first LNO of the season on **Friday, November 14th at 6PM.** This is a fun social evening with **NO cooking!** Kelly will again be preparing the fabulous dinner for us. Remember, this is not just for club members so invite your friends and neighbors.

The cost is \$18.00 per person and you can mail checks payable to me:

Catherine Stevens  
10902 Colvos Drive NW  
Gig Harbor, WA 98332

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

## MARINE MARKETPLACE

**MOORAGE AVAILABLE:** Bob and Ella Mary Thorpe (253-851-3146) will have moorage available beginning October 1st at their home in East Gig Harbor. Accommodates a boat up to 35' in length, ample depth and ample width. \$325 Utilities included.

**FOR SALE:** New Sitex Black Box AIS, 2 yr warranty \$230  
New Delta Quick Set Anchor, 25 kg. (wet 3 times) \$300  
Bayliner Salon Table...best offer  
Swim Step SS Outboard Mount (to 20 hp) \$150  
**Contact Dave Stevens: 253-851-3596**

## THANK GOODNESS IT'S FRIDAY (TGIF)

**TGIF IS BACK!** New Cost! Same Great Company! Same Great Beer! Same Great Wine! Same Great Food!

TGIF now cost \$5 per person. This is only a \$1 increase. But all the great things you've enjoyed about TGIF stay the same! The increase was approved by the Board of Trustees. While I didn't want to admit it, the \$5 fee will make it much easier for me to count change! On a practical basis, this fee increase will enable the program to continue to break even and carry on as one of our great informal social events.

*Come join us at the next TGIF's on September 29th & October 24th!*

Marc Connelly mconnelly@penmetparks.org 253-225-9087

## ANNUAL FUNDRAISER



**Saturday, November 15th could be your lucky night!** Come on down to the Yacht Club aka "The Strip" for a great fun filled Casino Night. There will be lots of chances to win prizes or try your luck at our 2008 fundraiser which is replacing the auction this year. So get ready to throw the dice, play some cards, spin the roulette wheel or whatever your little heart desires.

We're looking for some real lucky people to help pull this together. Please email rands@centurytel.net if you would like to take on a small task to help get it organized. Sign up for Casino Night will be at the next dinner meeting. See you there!

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## FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT



Greetings mates!!! Well, we have concluded our first of season cruise (Meydenbauer Bay Yacht Club) and by the majority of comments and other feedback all enjoyed the venue (not even many complaints about the dreaded locks), camaraderie and spectacular location.

Our next cruise is our "Oktoberfest" cruise 3,4,5 October at Des Moines Marina. Our captains for this cruise are George and Louise Babbitt and you know they **ALWAYS throw a great party**. We have about 26 boats signed up so far ...but as always your check is your reservation. This year, in an endeavor to keep things as simple as possible, Laury and I will be the central point for all payments. So if you are planning on attending let the Babbitts know and get your "checks in the mail" to me.

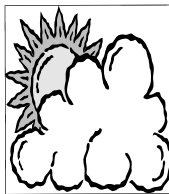
We are also taking sign ups NOW for our following cruise, Halloween – at Browns-ville 31 Oct – 1, 2 Nov; with Harry and Chris Hovey hosting. We have 25 slips reserved and will post an agenda and details on our club web site soon.

**We still have 2 cruises that require cruise captains** --- January in Tacoma and May (Memorial Day) in Bremerton. If you could give us a hand I know we would all be most appreciative! Without your support we can't cruise.

We will keep an updated cruise schedule posted on the club web site and provide cruise details here and on our web site as well.

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## SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS



Nothing to report.

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## MEN'S LUNCHEONS CATERED BY KELLY PLATT

If you plan on attending the Men's Luncheon, please RSVP to Kelly Platt at 253-312-9814 or email me at mikelly@centurytel.net by **noon Sunday prior to each luncheon. 15 reservations are needed by Sunday for the luncheon to be scheduled that week.**

## 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.

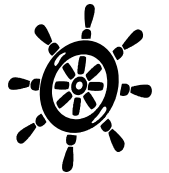
## SAILBOAT REPORT

Nothing to Report

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT



Please welcome new members Donald and Mary Lynn Pannen.

They were inducted at our September General Membership meeting.

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