

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 2009

FEBRUARY

5 EDUCATION NIGHT
8 GHYC CRAB FEED
11 GHYC GENERAL MEETING
13,14, BREMERTON MARINA CRUISE &
15 HEAVY WEATHER RACE (BYC)
18 GHYC BOARD MEETING
27 TGIF

MARCH

5 EDUCATION NIGHT
6 LADIES NIGHT OUT
11 GHYC GENERAL MEETING
18 GHYC BOARD MEETING
27 TGIF
28 GHYC IPBA INVITATIONAL

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Gig Harbor Yacht Club General Monthly Meeting & Dinner Wednesday, February 11, 2009

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, February 8, 2009

8209 Stinson Avenue, Gig Harbor,
Washington 98335

MENU

Green Salad

Roasted Pork Loin

Gratin Potatoes

Vegetable

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

COMMODORE'S MESSAGE



It's the start of a new year and events for the club start picking up speed. Make sure you keep an eye on the Gig Harbor website calendar of events to stay involved!

1/30/09 - Cruise Captain **Tom Ransford** has a great cruise planned at the Dock Street Marina. It's close by and has a state of the art marina with access to great restaurants and the arts.

2/8/09 - Join your friends at the club for a fantastic Crab Feed in a tropical theme. There promises to be great food, raffle prizes, specialty drinks, best tropical attire prizes and music by Jimmy Buffet. Come on out and PLAY!

2/13/09 - Cruise Captain **Dave Stevens** is heading up the club cruise to the New Bremerton Marina. Another new state of the art marina with great slips and lots to do. In addition to this cruise this is the *Heavy Weather Predicted Log Race*, held at the Bremerton Yacht club. All those interested in this nautical challenge should contact Jim Anderson (he's in the year book) for pointers and tips. Have FUN!

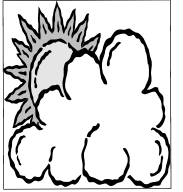
I want to acknowledge **George and Louise Babbitt** and their crew again for putting on a great New Years Eve Event. It was fantastic!

Congratulations to our sail boat members who braved the frigid temperatures to participate in the first annual *Sailing Frost Bite Series* in the harbor. What a Great event!

See you on the dock. Get up, Get out, and Get active...!!!!

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SUNSHINE & SHADOWS



It is winter...there is still beauty. We have sunshine and ...

Scott and **Rhonda Hauter** recently lost Rhonda's mother. Rhonda sends this message to all who have supported them along this journey:

It is with heavy hearts that Rhonda and Scott share with you the sad news of the passing of Rhonda's mother Shirley Turner in Christchurch Hospital, New Zealand January 3rd. Her death signals the end of a courageous battle following numerous complications as a result of colon cancer surgery.

Rhonda says "Mum will always be remembered for totally devoting her life to raising us seven kids, Rhonda, Gail, Kay, Debbie, Donald, Jeffrey & Barbie and to her husband and our father Bruce (deceased 1996). We know as the time drew closer despite her health struggles she wanted to be with Dad hence her decision to remain living in Kaikoura on her own." She leaves behind 17 grandchildren and great grandchildren and two older sisters. She was 74 years of age.

Jerry Burton recently had back surgery and is presently recovering. We wish P/C Burton well as he pursues his dream of seeing his toes every morn' and picking up his local paper with much vigor.

Sunshine, you ask? Make every day important to you in some small way. Tell folks you care about them and you are thinking of them. Never be too busy for a story or the chance to learn from the moment. Love life and most of all, lets go cruising!!!!!!!

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Of course you will need to find a way up to the San Juan Islands to do this but if you plan to be in the Islands around July 18 next summer, let me know if you'd be interested. My current plan is to make this a "boomerang" contest starting out at and returning to Friday Harbor. Again, it's a ways off, but think about it, plan on it and I'm here to help you in any way I can.

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

Jim Anderson 253-857-3306 JamesA101@centurytel.net

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 kellyjar@comcast.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.

New address??

New email address??

New phone number??



Please keep your information current by sending

an email to:

treasurer@gigharboryc.com

FROM THE VICE COMMODORE



Our Volunteer Campaign for next year got off to a very good start at the January general meeting. Several members decided to "re-up" on their existing committees. We will be fortunate to have their expertise again next year. Other members took the challenge and signed-up for something new. My goal is to have everyone in the club help out on a committee next year. I recall what Scott Hauter reminded me a few months ago ... "Many hands, each doing a little, can accomplish a lot." I would like to adopt that as our theme for 2009-2010. I will have the sign-up board at the February meeting, strategically placed between the front door and the dinner registration table. I do not want you to think of it as a gauntlet, but you're not going to get by unscathed!

Here's the list of committees that will carry out the work of the club next year. Please consider what YOU can do and sign up at the next meeting ... OR ... you can email me about your interests.

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Ambassadors	Fleet Captain	RBAW
Auction	Historian	Reciprocal
Building	Junior Officer Ball	Sailboat
Bremerton Heavy Weather Skit Team	Keeper of the Keys	Salmon Bake
Budget & Finance	Ladies Night Out	Sunshine & Shadows
Club Rentals	Landscaping	Supply Officer
Commodore Ball	Lighted Boat Parade	Table Decorations
Coxswain	Membership	TGIF
Crab Feed	Meeting Set Up Team	Treasurer Committee
Decorating	Mystery Shopping	Webmaster
Dinner Reservations	New Year's Eve	WIC representative
Galley (everyone once!)	Opening Day	Yearbook
Dinners for Eight	Photographer	
Education	Power Boat	

FROM THE REAR COMMODORE



Steve and I just got back from a wonderful cruise to Mexico (it was a warm 89 degrees and sunny – but you probably don't want to hear about that!) Now we're ready to roll up our sleeves and start working on the decorated boat for this year's Opening Day Parade at the Seattle Yacht Club. The theme this year will be "Wild Wild West", and we're looking for volunteers to help us plan and decorate the boat, as well as volunteers to be onboard the boat during the parade. We'll need costumes and props, such as:

- ◆ Saloon girl and cowboy costumes
 - ◆ Petticoats and men's red long johns
- Or any other Western item you can think of

If you have anything lying around the house that you can lend us, please call us at (253) 265-2044 or email me at unigrav2@cs.com. We're really looking forward to having a great time putting this together and would love to have you join in on the fun!

P.S. We're looking forward to seeing everyone at the Mid-Winter Summer's Eve Crab Feed on Sunday, February 8th. Come join us for a break from the winter blues. See you there!

Yolanda Essig 253-219-2737 unigrav2@cs.com

FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT



Dock Street Cruise: January 30th, Cruise Captains: Tom & Nancy Ransford

Bremerton New Marina: February 13th, Cruise Captains: Dave & Catherine Stevens

Poulsbo Cruise: April 3rd, Cruise Captains: Bert Beneville & Jan Bomhoff

POWER BOAT REPORT



Bremerton Yacht Club's 75th Running of Heavy Weather

BYC is poised to present a weekend to be remembered and will likely go down in the history books as a truly amazing **SHOW BOAT** experience. It is rumored that the **Heavy Weather "Skits"** will be hosted by none other than **MARK TWAIN** himself. Even if you are planning to attend the Club cruise to the new Bremerton Marina, the Friday night and certainly the Saturday night festivities at BYC are a "**MUST DO**" couple of evening events.

Of course the 75th running of the Heavy Weather Predicted Log Race is the cream of the weekend for the GHYC Race Team of Loggers. This year's event will begin and end in the middle of the Port Washington Narrows where the currents are always slight and very predictable.....**HA....HA**. So **git yer ol river rafts** ready for some real Log Racing.

I will hold at least a couple of **Heavy Weather race - skull sessions** for the GHYC Race Team and anyone else interested in participating in this great event.

Gig Harbor Yacht Club Invitational

Ok, all you "**CLOSET LOG RACERS**", this is the 2009 opportunity to show off the Gig Harbor Yacht Club to all of the Predicted Log Racers around Puget Sound. So keep all those **RIVER RAFTS** from Heavy Weather shined up and **RUNNIN'** smooth and plan to participate in the Gig Harbor Invitational Great Race.

The GHYC Race Team will be looking **for help from our general Membership to be observers, help in the galley etc. in the near future. It's not too early** to start thinking about this event since it will be here before we know it. Put March 28, 2009 on your calendars and plan to participate. You know my standard offer to help anyone in learning about this sport so please give me a call.

Filucy Bay Challenge (repeated to keep it in memory)

This is our laid-back, low key and fun event held out of the Longbranch Marina in Filucy Bay on the Key Peninsula in June. This is an event we put on without cost to the Club to provide another contest for South Sound IPBA and it is one that is highly regarded by many participants from around the sound. Again, this contest has in the past been held on the same weekend as the "**Maritime Gig**". I have changed the date to the following weekend, June 13, 2009. This will give GHYC participants and observer volunteers the opportunity to participate in the festivities at home this year and in the future as well.

Summer 2009 – International Cruiser Race Event (ICR)

This event hasn't gotten a great deal of publicity in the past (at least from yours truly) and it is worth all the publicity we can muster, if for no other reason that it is so much fun to participate in. It is an event that has suffered low numbers of contestants lately. Again, since I am the Vice Commodore for IPBA 2009, this gives me the honor of planning this great event for 2009 and I truly would be honored indeed to see GHYC Members participate in force and take the ICR Team Trophy. Even if you do not participate as a contestant, you most certainly would be welcomed as a volunteer observer.



EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Happy Boat show!!

The first Thursday of each month 6PM to 9PM is the educational meeting. The cost is \$5.00 for club members and \$10.00 for guests. On the educational meeting nights we will try to have an interesting yachting program on the safety, navigation, maintenance or general interest of boating, both sail and power. We will have snacks of pizza, coffee and soda. There will be a chance to socialize and a great program on some aspect of boating. Please come and invite guests to these programs.

The next Education night will be **Thursday February 5th** 6:00 to 9:00 PM. We will offer pizza at 6:00 PM with the program going from 6:30 to 9:00. Our club member, Dick Bennison will be presenting and demonstrating **Fiberglass Boat Repair and Gel Coat Patching and Repair**. This will be a live on site demo repairing a hole in a fiberglass canoe at the club. Dick will also make a mold for a fiberglass accessory and tell you how to match colors on gel coats. Dick says if you graduated from kindergarten you can make a fiberglass repair. First grade will give you the skills you need to know for a gel coat match and repair. During the curing process, we will also discuss the new and improved marine paints and bottom paints for sail and power, presented by Steve Essig. This should be a WOW Program! Every boater and spouse should attend, even those with wooden boats.

Our Thursday, March 5th, our program will be an entertaining presentation on **Sailing Around Tahiti by Steve and Yolanda Essig**. Please don't forget to mark your calendars for the education programs the first **Thursday of each month through June. Please bring a boating guest.**

Mike Elwell 253-851-1493 elwell@centurytel.net

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

To be more efficient and reduce costs for the GHYC, the Board has decided to move forward with implementing an E-Coxswain. You be receiving your future Coxswain via email. **If it is necessary to receive a printed Coxswain you will need to return this page with your signature.** Please mail this form **before February 18th** to:

Gig Harbor Yacht Club/Coxswain Editor
PO Box 22
Gig Harbor, WA 98335

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

GALLEY CREW WANTED

How about spending time in the galley? Find some fellow mates and pick the month that you prefer. We need volunteers to help at the General Meeting Dinners. Please sign up to help out. Contact Jim Watson at **jwatson2410@earthlink.net**

WOMEN'S INTERCLUB (WIC)

The February WIC luncheon at Seattle Yacht Club is on hold. If I hear anything different I will contact everyone who has asked me to. Mark your calendars for **March 19th for the next WIC luncheon at Meydenbauer Bay Yacht Club**. The cost is \$14.00. I will be leaving for China on March 18th so please contact Margaret Ann at 253-858-2664. Also, don't forget to mark your calendars for **April 7th for the WIC luncheon at GHYC!** World Vision will be our presenter and it should be a very informative program. See you all there.

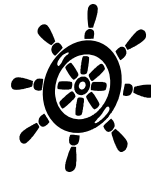
Linda Kimbrough 253-851-8673 kadelin42@aol.com

SPECIAL THANKS!

- I can't begin to thank all those who helped with the New Year's Eve Party. I am afraid if I try to list names I will forget someone and I don't want to do that.
- On December 28th we met to take down Christmas and put up New Years.
- When we were done Gary & Darcy Cousins invited everyone to their house for an impromptu party. That was the best part.
- On January 1st we had such a large crew for clean up that it took a record breaking 1 ½ hours to get the club looking spic and span. Special thanks goes to **Mike Elwell** and **Joel Messing** for being bartenders during the social hour. The event went smoothly because of the help of our wonderful members. Thank you all so very much.

Louise Babbitt

MEMBERSHIP REPORT



- 2009 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE *Been thinking about inviting that new family in the Marina to join GHYC? Just haven't gotten around to it? How about a little motivation?* **Beginning December 10th, 2008 and ending April 8th, 2009** any GHYC member who sponsors more than one new member will receive a gift of appreciation. Recipients will be announced at the May General Meeting.

2 to 5 new members — two free membership dinners

6 to 10 new members —ten free membership dinners

11 or more new members — one year free dues

New members are the future of the GHYC. We all need to be recruiters.

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SAILBOAT REPORT



- The Frostbite Series, A Gig Harbor Yacht Club and Thunderbird Fleet #1 joint sponsored event is in full swing. This first ever winter In Harbor Series are held on Saturdays (January 3rd, January 17th, February 7th and February 21st) with the first start at 1330. Thus far we have had 11 boats participate sailed by about 23 people. Gig Harbor Yacht Club members participating are **Jim and Judy Arbogast (Mirage)**, **Joan and Jaime Storkman (Fandango)** and **Tom and Cheryl Mitchell (Wild Flower)**. **Thanks to John McPhail for helping with Race Committee.**

- The Southern Sound Series is also underway. This is a series of long distance races averaging about 30 miles per race. The largest growing class in the Series is the CRUISING CLASS. This class does not require a "certified" handicap. There are spinnaker and no spinnaker classes within the Cruising division. This class is designed to encourage all non racing type boats to enjoy a day on the water sailing with boats similarly outfitted (dodgers, BBQ's, anchors, etc) with "working" sails. The final two races are The Toliva Shoal Race which starts in Olympia and is cosponsored by the Olympia YC and The South Sounds Sailing Society (February 14th) and The Gig Harbor Yacht Club Race sponsored Islands Race will be held on March 21st. **Dary Alford** has volunteered for race committee boat. **I will need another power boat to be stationed at the north end of Blake Island.** Each of these committee boats will need at least two volunteers each. If you'd like to volunteer or if you'd like to sail your cruising sailboat and have any questions please contact me. You may get race information at www.sseries.org.

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FOR SALE

- 1989 Bayliner 3888, Desert Star, Twin Diesel 175 Hinos, gen, inverter/charger, cockpit cover, AB tender. Moored at Murphy's Landing, \$95,000. Slip available for rent after sale. John Wilson 253-857-9337.