

March 2009

Gig Harbor Yacht Club
General Monthly Meeting & Dinner
Wednesday, March 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, March 8, 2009

8209 Stinson Avenue, Gig Harbor,
Washington 98335

MENU

Caesar Salad

Dijon Chicken

Basmati & Wild Rice Pilaf

Fresh Vegetable

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

COMMODORE'S MESSAGE



Members...it may not feel like spring is around the corner but the club calendar of events tells us otherwise!

Come by land or come by Sea.

You are invited to participate in the **2009 Daffodil Marine Regatta** to be held at the Tacoma Yacht Club on April 17, 18 and 19. The theme for this year's event is "*Swing into Spring*". This event is for everyone! There is dinner, dancing and entertainment Friday & Saturday nights. On Sunday morning there is a flag ceremony followed by a Daffodil boat parade into Theo Foss waterway. It is always fun to see the decorated boats.

Come out **Saturday at 1:00 PM and support your Rear Commodore** who has graciously accepted her assignment as the GHYC "Token" in the Marine Trivia competition. **Yolanda** will be adorned in an outrageous costume and paraded into the clubhouse with all the other Token trivia contestants from yacht clubs around Puget Sound. It is then up to our members to cheer her on to victory against all the other clubs. This will be a blast!

If you plan to come by boat visit tacomayachtclub.org and **register your boat information no later than March 13th**. **Please let Joni or me know if you are coming since we need to submit a complete list of all GHYC boats that are attending.** *It is imperative all boats attending are registered with TYC basin control. The TYC basin is closed all weekend to non-Daffodil registered boat attendees. (You can't get in.) TYC will put all the GHYC boats together if at all possible.* If you can't make it by boat come by car or RV (RV's need to be registered also) and join in the festivities.

The **Seattle Yacht Club Opening day Trio** will be attending our April 8th general meeting. This group has been, and continues to be the inspiration for "**Funny Hat night**". Get creative and wear a silly hat to the meeting to make them feel welcome. The purpose of their visit is to excite our club to participate in Opening Day and enjoy all the festivities. They will give a brief presentation to our club.

Come by land or come by sea to witness the official opening day event of boating season in Seattle. We have an Officers Boat and a decorated boat in the parade on Saturday. The theme for Opening Day this year is "Wild Wild West". Saturday night we have reserved a private dining room for a semi-formal dinner for GHYC members at the SYC. This is a unique opportunity for GHYC and it is always very enjoyable. Please **contact Opening Day chair Bob Kimbrough for details and moorage availability.**

Finally don't forget to sign up for the **Poulsbo cruise April 3 & 4**. This is always a fun destination and you can ***come by land or come by sea!!*** (There seems to be a pattern here...)

Contact **Bert Beneville or Jan Bomhoff** for details.

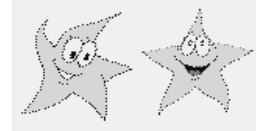
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FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

Many hands, each doing a little, can accomplish a lot



Our Volunteer Campaign for next year got a major boost at the February general meeting. Several members decided to "re-up" on their existing committee and other members took the challenge and signed-up for something new. But there are still many openings.

In addition to recruiting a Chairperson for each committee, I have decided to also recruit the committee members for each committee. If this is successful, the new Chairperson can start next year with their committee already intact rather than trying to recruit committee members. I have also tried to have a back-up for each Chairperson. My goal is to have everyone in the club help out on a committee either as a Chairperson or as a Committee Member.

Here's the list of the committees that still need a Chairperson or Committee Members, the number of people needed is shown as (##). Please consider what YOU can do and send me an e-mail ...OR ... you can call me ... OR ... you can wait for me to call you (worst option) ... OR you can sign-up at the March meeting.

The committees that do not appear on this list already have their Chairperson and a full compliment of Committee Members. Don't wait, the choices are getting fewer and fewer by the day!

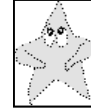
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Auction (2)	Galley Prep & Serve (80)	Mystery Shopping
Building (4)	Fleet Captain (1)	New Year's Eve (4)
Skit Team (4)	Cruise Captains (5)	Sailboat (1)
By-Laws (1)	Historian (1)	Salmon Bake
Bar-Supply Officer (1)	Junior Officer Ball (6)	Ship's Store (3)
Club Rentals (3)	Keeper of the Keys (1)	Spaghetti Feed (6)
Coxswain, on-line (2)	Landscaping (10)	Spring Boat-Stuff Sale (4)
Crab Feed (6)	Lighted Boat Party (4)	Supply Officer (1)
Christmas Party (6)	Membership (2)	TGIF (4)
Decorations—Club (2)	Membership Renewals	Treasurer (2)
Decorated Boat SYC (4)	Meeting Set Up Team (2)	Webmaster (2)
Dinner Reservations (1)	Mr. & Mrs. Clause	WIC representative (2)

FROM THE REAR COMMODORE



I would like to thank all the members who braved the cold and came in their tropical attire to help make our annual Crab Feed a fun event this year! Special thanks also needs to be given to all the people who volunteered their time in helping it all come together: **Joel & Meme Messing, Doug & Barbara Allen, Kelly & Cambria Duffy, Erik & Kathleen Carlson, Heidi Kotas, Michael & Sheila Mordue, Dick & Mary Sapp and Marc & Sue Connelly.** The event was a great success due to the hard work everyone was willing to pitch in and it was so much appreciated.

We're getting rolling on plans for the decorated boat for Opening Day and can still use some more volunteers in decorating the boat and also riding on the boat in the parade. We're having our first planning meeting at the yacht club on Sunday, March 1st, at 4:00PM and would love to see you there! The theme this year is "Wild Wild West", so if you have anything Western in your closets at home you can lend us, please stop by and drop it off. We need saloon girl outfits, cowboy paraphernalia, petticoats, feather boas, garters, long men's underwear, etc. COME JOIN IN ON THE FUN!

Yolanda Essig

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FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT



Poulsbo Cruise—April 3, 4 and 5

Poulsbo is always a great cruise!!! Events will include merchant poker, cocktail parties and a "dine around".

The Port of Poulsbo requires a \$5.00 non refundable reservation fee and the cruise fee is \$10.00 per person. The fee includes the party room rental, continental breakfast on Saturday and Erik & Kathleen Carlson's famous breakfast on Sunday. Please make your check out to GHYC & mail it to: Beneville/Bomhoff, 2025 37th St. NW, Gig Harbor 98335 by March 18th.

Bert Beneville & Jan Bomhoff, Cruise Captains

253-858-6528

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LADIES NIGHT OUT

Our last LNO until fall is Friday, March 6th. This event is for GHYC members and friends who are not members. The cost is \$18.00. Please make your checks out to Kelly Platt and mail to:

Catherine Stevens
10902 Colvos Drive NW
Gig Harbor, WA 98332

Checks must be received by March 4th. Please come join us for an evening of great food and company!

Catherine Stevens 253-851-3596
davestevens@clearwire.net

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 **jwtatson2410@earthlink.net** or **253-858-9709**.

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REMINDER: Due dates for membership dues payments are October 1 and April 1 each year. If you elected to pay your membership dues in two installments, the second installment is due April 1, 2009.

If you are unsure of your balance, please email Eva Bennison at **treasurer@gigharboryc.com** and she will be glad to email a statement to you.

WOMEN'S INTERCLUB (WIC)

We will be going to Meydenbauer Bay Yacht Club on March 19th. I am out of town so please contact Margaret Ann Hardwick if you would like to attend this luncheon. The cost is \$14.00 and she will need to let them know the number of ladies going by the time of our next general meeting, March 11th.

On April 7th we will be hosting another WIC luncheon here at our club. I will need to have gift baskets donated again for the raffle. The raffle really helps to offset the cost of the lunch. I will also need help in setting up the club on the afternoon of the April 6th. World Vision is scheduled to be our speaker. It should be of great interest to everyone. If you are not familiar with World Vision, they are an organization who helps out around the world where tragedy strikes. They even helped here in Washington with the floods.

The WIC calendar runs February to February so that explains why we are hosting again so soon. GHYC will not host another lunch until the fall of 2010. The last WIC luncheon will be at Bremerton Yacht Club on May 12th.

We hope many of you will attend these lunches since the clubs go to a great deal of work to put these on. Thank you all for your help.

Linda Kimbrough, WIC Representative

Kadelin42@centurytel.net

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Margaret Ann Hardwick, WIC Alternate 253-858-2664

SAILBOAT REPORT

Tom Mitchell 253-225-1846
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Nothing to report.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee is seeking talent for the following positions:

Rear Commodore

Treasurer

Trustee

The qualifications for **Rear Commodore** include having a “cruising boat” (i.e. one with a sink and a head), the ability to attend balls, wear a blue blazer and speak into the microphone. An outgoing personality and organizational skills are also a plus.

The qualifications for **Treasurer** include the ability to balance the checkbook, pay bills and wear a blue blazer. Training will be provided on our computer programs. This position runs the business of the yacht club and requires approximately one to two days per week in the office. If you have the time and are good with numbers we need you.

The qualifications for **Trustee** include the ability to work well with groups, think of the “big picture” regarding the yacht club and, occasionally, wear a blue blazer.

Anyone who has an interest in any of these positions is encouraged to **contact Past Commodore Leingang at (253) 232-3972.**



EDUCATION PROGRAMS

“South Sea Paradise” A Sailing Trip Around Tahiti Presented By Steve and Yolanda Essig

Come join us on **March 5th** for our fourth first Thursday education night. We will have something different this month. We will entertain you! You don't have to bring your medical encyclopedia, your marine radio book, or pick fiberglass out of your clothes. You will go on a south sea adventure tour with Steve and Yolanda Essig's trip to Tahiti kayaking and sailing around this tropical paradise.

We will follow our successful format of 6PM to 7PM with a social get together with pizza, coffee and sodas. The program will run from 7PM to 9PM with a 10 minute coffee and cookies break.

Cost is \$5.00 per GHYC member. \$10 for Guests
Reciprocal yacht club members at the GHYC rate

Please invite your friends and other boaters. We need new members and this is a great way to show off our club. Everyone in Gig Harbor could enjoy this program. Please phone and invite guests. No reservations are needed.

Mike Elwell, Chairman Education Committee
253 851-1493 elwell@centurytel.net

POWER BOAT REPORT



Bremerton Yacht Club's 75th Running of Heavy Weather – SHOWBOAT EXTRAVAGANZA

How 'bout that! The GHYC Race Team – Power had their river rafts A runnin' sweet at Heavy Weather '09. The photo at right tells it all. Those are the plaques for the top three OVERALL WINNERS. No one could remember the last time when one Club took *Heavy Weather* by storm the way we did. Congratulations to Jerry and Shirley Downer aboard their vessel *Norwester* in taking 1st place overall with a 1.1133% error, yours truly and Linda aboard *Fidalgo* taking 2nd place overall with a 1.1348% error and George and Louise Babbitt aboard *General Quarters* in 3rd place overall with a 1.3354% error. What a great time for the GHYC Race Team and by the way, there were 35 contestant vessels competing in this, the 75th running of *Heavy Weather*.

Gig Harbor Yacht Club Invitational March 28, 2009

Here we go. Our Invitational Power Boat event is just around the corner and we hope to see many GHYC Members participate. Even if you participate in only one event, make it this one in support of your Club.

The GHYC Race Team will be looking for help from our general Membership to be observers, help in the galley etc. 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. If you just don't have a clue how this works, the GHYC Race Team will help in any way we can, up to and including simply handing over to you the necessary forms, charts etc. for you to use on your boat. Just get out there and "run the logs" and have fun.



Filucy Bay Challenge June 13, 2009

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. It is one that is highly regarded by many participants from around the sound. Again, this contest in the past has 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.

July 18, 2009 – International Cruiser Race Event (ICR)

Don't forget to put this event on your calendars, just in case you are planning to be in or around Friday Harbor on the 18th of July this year. Just so you know, this is not an "invite only" contest and anyone can enter as a contestant. All you need is a boat (virtually any speed) that otherwise meets the IPBA requirements of having cooking, sleeping and bathroom facilities (the Head).

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.

New address??

New email address??

New phone number??

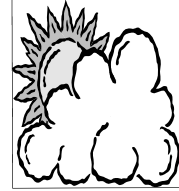


**Please keep your information current by sending
an email to: treasurer@gigharboryc.com**

OPENING DAY WEEKEND AT SEATTLE YACHT CLUB,
MAY 1ST, 2ND & 3RD

- **Seattle Yacht Club needs our boat reservations by the middle of March.** This makes our sign up process have to happen a lot quicker since they need our plans earlier this year.
- **Reservations for both MOORAGE & DINNER are a "MUST".** If you did not sign up at the February meeting, you will be able to sign up at the March meeting. I will need to have the boat moorage plan completed right after the March 11th meeting.
- You will need to fill out a Dock O Boat Registration Form and receive the O Dock Rules and Regulations as well as a Fire Plan. Many of you received them at the February meeting.
- They will also be available again at the March meeting. If you are out of town and can't attend either meeting but want to bring your boat please give me a call before the March 11th meeting.
- The deadline for dinner reservations will be April 8th. Envelopes will be provided at the March and April general meetings for you to place your checks in. If you need to mail your checks please have them to me no later than April 12th. Make checks payable to GHYC.

Bob Kimbrough 253-851-8673 Opening Day Chairman



SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all! Here is our weather report for March:

Shadows: Annelise Stokes, wife of P/C Warder Stokes (1966), passed away on January 31, 2009. Our thoughts and prayers go to the Stokes family.

Partly Cloudy: Ella Mary Thorpe is recovering after a challenging bout with the winter flu/cold/icky stuff. Get better Ella Mary!

Sunshine: I'm still waiting to hear from folks! Someone out there in membership land must have something exciting they would like to share? If so, let me know!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

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

APRIL

2 EDUCATION NIGHT
3,4,5 GHYC POULSBO CRUISE
7 WIC LUNCHEON AT GHYC
8 GHYC GENERAL MEETING-
CRAZY HAT NIGHT
15 GHYC BOARD MEETING
17, 18, DAFFODIL AT TACOMA YC
19
24 TGIF

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