

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 2009

<u>APRIL</u>	<u>MAY</u>
2 EDUCATION NIGHT	1,2,3 OPENING DAY AT SEATTLE YC
3,4,5 GHYC POULSBO CRUISE	13 GHYC GENERAL MEETING
7 WIC LUNCHEON AT GHYC	16 GHYC COMMODORE'S BALL
8 GHYC GENERAL MEETING CRAZY HAT NIGHT	20 GHYC BOARD MEETING
15 GHYC BOARD MEETING	22,23,24 MEMORIAL DAY CRUISE
17, 18, 19 DAFFODIL AT TACOMA YC	29 TGIF
24 TGIF	30 MYSTERY TRIP

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Gig Harbor Yacht Club General Monthly Meeting & Dinner Wednesday, April 8th, 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, April 5, 2009

8209 Stinson Avenue, Gig Harbor,
Washington 98335

MENU

Oriental Salad

Korean Griddled Beef

Steamed Rice

Vegetables

Dessert & Coffee
\$15.00 per person



COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

The Gig Harbor Yacht Club has a chance to show off this month with several events where we will be hosting guests at our club.

The IPBA racers will be attending our March TGIF since GHYC is hosting the IPBA race event on Saturday March 28th. Please come to TGIF and welcome the race competitors to our club and have fun socializing. Volunteer to be an observer, join in on the race and come to the after race dinner at the club on Saturday. The more participation we have the grander we look!

On April 7th our club will be hosting the **Women's Inter Club (WIC)** lunch. This will be a nice event for the ladies of our club to attend. Kelly Platt produces a delicious lunch and you have a chance to socialize with ladies from six other yacht clubs in Puget Sound. Additionally, there will be a short informative presentation. Not a bad way to spend lunch. **Please RSVP to Margaret Ann Hardwick.**

At the April general meeting on the 8th we will be hosting the **Seattle Yacht Club Opening Day Trio**. 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 this fun event. They will have a brief video presentation for our club members.

Daffodil Regatta, the South Sounds premier opening day of boating season event is April 17, 18, & 19 at the Tacoma Yacht Club. This event is for everyone! There is dinner, dancing & entertainment Friday & Saturday nights. On Sunday morning there is a flag ceremony followed by the Daffodil Boat Parade into Theo Foss waterway. It is always fun to see the decorated boats. Be on the look out for **Kevin Kohler's "EAGLE"** with all of the Bridge officers and several Board members on board. A **BIG thank you to Kevin Kohler** for donating his boat as the Official Parade boat.

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 "Tokens" 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 have not registered your boat (cut off was March 13th) come by car and join in the festivities.

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OPENING DAY WEEKEND AT SEATTLE YACHT CLUB

As you arrive by boat or car, please check in with **Harry Hovey** on the **"ARCTIC LOON"**. **Harry and Chris** will provide you with information on the weekend events. If you are arriving by boat once you get in to Portage Bay give **"ARCTIC LOON"** a call on VHF Channel 16 or 69. They will direct you to the dock and to your proper moorage location.

As soon as you arrive, please register at the SYC office where you will receive your temporary weekend reciprocal member card and account number. This account will allow you to charge your purchases at SYC for the weekend. You will need your current membership card to do this along with a valid charge card. There will be a "concierge" tent that will provide you with information regarding the activities for the week. The tent is open Tuesday through Friday.

The Saturday evening dinner is for GHYC members and their friends, where we will gather in the Fireside Room. A no host bar will open at approximately at 6:15pm with dinner at 7:15pm. Dress for dinner will be "Dressy Attire".

You can arrive SYC as early as the Sunday before and stay until the Sunday evening following opening day. The schedule is:

Wednesday: 9am - a coffee and tea for the ladies, then at 10am, a Drama Group Performance (SYC)

Thursday: 11:30am Men's Lunch in the Ward Room (SYC)

Friday: Evening dinner and dancing at Queen City Yacht Club

Saturday: Official Parade begins at Noon (SYC)

GHYC cocktails and dinner (6:15pm) in the Fireside Room

Sunday: Breakfast at Queen City Yacht Club

Bob Kimbrough 253-851-8673 Opening Day Chairperson

Harry Hovey Home: 253-853-3419 Cell: 253-820-5583

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.

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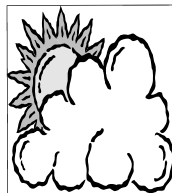
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Please keep your information current by sending an email to: treasurer@gigharboryc.com

SUNSHINE & SUNSHINE!!!!



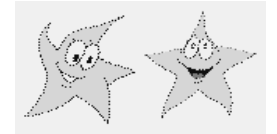
A little sunshine never hurt, especially when it's snowing outside! **August and Beverlee Storkman** recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary! Let's all wish them our warmest congratulations on a long union of happiness and wonderful family.

Sue and Marc Connelly welcomed a new grand daughter into the world on March 16, 2009. Congratulations to Sue and Marc on their newest family member!

Please let me know if you have a special announcement to share with everyone. Share your joy, get support from others in the club, and give support and joy to those who need it. Happy Spring!

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FROM THE VICE COMMODORE



I am going to use this month's column to tell you about four great volunteering opportunities for next year.

Assistant treasurer: This is a new position that is designed to share the work-load of the treasurer. The duties include membership renewal, dinner reservations and backing-up the treasurer as needed. Membership renewal is primarily a September and October activity. Dinner reservations requires someone to transfer the reservations from the GHYC voice mail system to an excel spreadsheet and notify the caterer and the bridge officers of the dinner count. This is done on the Monday morning before the Wednesday general meeting. Accounting skills are not required.

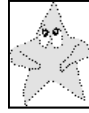
Web-site Manager: The GHYC web site is one of the most important communication tools we have in the club. It provides timely information on club events, access to the club's Google calendar, a way to post fun photos from our cruises and parties, hot links to other yacht clubs in Puget Sound and even a hot link access to a great tide and current program. After several years, Kim Evans is stepping down, so we need someone to manage this web site. During the year, we hope to add a few on-line features to the web site, including the ability to make on-line dinner reservations, sign-up for club events, renew your membership and even purchase neat stuff from our Ship's Store.

Landscaping Chair: This is another new position. I want to have a committee (e.g., a chair and approximately 10 members) to take responsibility for the grounds around the clubhouse. Over the past 2-years, we have had a yard service maintain a significant portion of the grounds, but due to budget constraints, we need to move this responsibility back into the membership ranks. The primary tasks to be allocated within the committee are: cutting the grass at the back of the property, blowing the parking lot before yacht club events and rentals, weeding in the spring and raking leaves in the fall. The committee chair will likely want to organize a larger club-wide work party in the Spring of 2010 to enhance our beds with beauty-bark. I already have 4 volunteers for the committee, so I am looking for a Chair and about 6 more to round-out the committee and spread the work load around. It promises to be a fun committee and you'll appreciate all of the nice compliments you and your committee will receive from members and guests. They notice!

Galley and Serving Crew Coordinator: This is not a new position, but it is being separated from the volunteers that do the general meeting check-in (e.g., Jim and Lynn Watson). I need someone to coordinate the volunteers that will assist in the galley and serve the meal. This year, I am trying to recruit approximately 80 members to be on the galley crew and ask them to sign-up for a specific monthly meeting well in advance. The primary task of the chair will be to work with Kelly to understand the needs of the galley, remind the volunteers that have signed-up for a meeting and recruit additional volunteers if I fall short of my goal. Note: each volunteer will be responsible for finding their own substitute in the event they cannot make the meeting they have signed-up for.

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FROM THE REAR COMMODORE



As I write this, today is officially the first day of spring and time to get our boat uncovered, cleaned up and ready to go! It's also when many of our members that have been out of town for the winter return, so we're looking forward to seeing them all again.

The Daffodil Parade at the Tacoma Yacht Club is coming up on April 18th to officially open boating season in the South Sound. Even though the parade will be on Sunday, there are all kinds of fun events planned for the entire weekend. David, Dick and I will be there with our boats and hope to see you there to join in on the fun. Please come and support me as the "token" for the Trivial Pursuit game on Saturday at 1PM. It promises to be a lot of laughs!

Our next club meeting on April 8th is also going to be fun, since it's our "Crazy Hat Night" in honor of the Seattle Yacht Club members that come to tell us all about Opening Day festivities on May 2nd. Speaking of which, we still need volunteers to ride on our decorated boat and participate in the fun! Please call or email me and help out, so we can have one of the best decorated boats ever.

Yolanda Essig

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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".

This is also a call to our sail boat members. Recently passed changes to the IPBA rules have removed the requirement that your vessel be capable of 7.0 knots or more. We have had sail boats participate in predicted log contests at many venues up and down the Puget Sound. This sport helps the skipper to learn more about his/her boat and something very important in sail boat racing, you'll hone your "dead-reckoning" skills, as well, while following your laid out course for the contest. **Think about it, try it and you'll love it.** This is a great sport and more importantly it is a **SOCIAL EVENT**.

Check out the IPBA web site: www.ipbalogracing.org

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POWER BOAT REPORT



Gig Harbor Yacht Club Invitational March 28, 2009

Our event will most likely have been completed by the time you receive this article, so I'll simply wish all the Contestants from our Club all the best and a big "Good Luck" and hope all have calm seas and predictable currents.

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 and it is one that is highly regarded by many participants from around the sound.

This is a great contest for new racers to jump into the game and ply the waters with your boat. As I always say (and offer) give me a call and I'll help you get your boat's "flat water speed" by going out with you and helping you run the boat through the 1 nm course along Ruston Way in Tacoma.

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.

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).

WOMEN'S INTER CLUB (WIC)

We are hosting our luncheon on the **7th of April** and you are all invited to attend. The cost is \$14.00 and our guest speaker will be Angela Mason from World Vision. The social hour starts at 11:00 AM and lunch is served at noon followed by our program beginning at 1:00 PM.

Angel Mason has devoted her life to being a voice for suffering children and travels the world on humanitarian missions. She has walked over land mines, been shot at, held babies orphaned by AIDS, met child soldiers and walked into prisons, brothels and sweat shops where children are abused and exploited.

Please come and enjoy this very pleasant time with the ladies from 6 other clubs. Let's have a good turn out. **I also need more gift baskets to be raffled. Our set up will be Monday, April 6th at 1:00PM. Please bring your basket to the set up.**

Our last luncheon is on May 12th at Bremerton Yacht Club. Let's have a big turn out.

See you on the 7th.

Linda Kimbrough

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Margaret Ann Hardwick 253-858-2664

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 or 253-858-9709.**

FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT



Greetings mates!!! So...Heavy weather not so heavy! THANKS SO MUCH to **Dave and Katherine Stevens** for organizing our February cruise to Bremerton. While yours truly was sunning his back side in Hawaii, it is reported that 15 true "cruisers" were enjoying libations and competition appetizers dock side in Bremerton. Congratulations to **Eva Bennison** (we all know Dick can't cook Bennison) for **1ST PLACE** for her beef barley soup, and **Katherine and Dave Stevens 2nd place** for stuffed mushrooms and finally, but just as delicious, **Phyllis and Don Poulsen captured 3rd place** for their wonderful baked brie specialty.

So next up is our Poulsbo cruise. We have 12 boats signed up we could possibly handle a couple more. So, even though bookings are closed.. if you have " a need for cruising" give ole Bert and beautiful Jan a call and they will see if they can fit you in. Again, this cruise is the weekend of 3 to 5 April.

Check out our website for our remaining cruises and who to contact. We have volunteers to captain all cruises so you will know who to contact with questions or to offer to help out.

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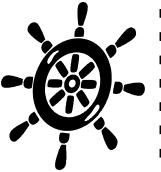
SAILBOAT REPORT

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Nothing to report.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT



At the March 11th General Membership Meeting we welcomed **Richard and Karen Genet** into our club. They come to us from the Southwestern Yacht Club in San Diego, California. Their sailboat was recently repositioned to the Northwest and soon will be cruising with us. Please take a moment to welcome them to our club when you see them.

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CALLING ALL PAST COMMODORES

Tacoma Yacht Club will be hosting the annual "**Silver Star Ball**" on **October 17, 2009**. TYC will also be celebrating their 120th year! For further information and to make reservations our Past Commodores should contact Ken Evans at evanskenlynn@comcast.net or by phone at 253-517-3862.

LADIES MYSTERY TRIP - MAY 30, 2009

Hi Ladies. I just wanted to make sure you have this date on your calendars. ***This will be a fun day for us to get together and SHOP!!!!*** At this point the cost should be about \$25 to \$35 per person, depending on how many signups we have. There will be more information at the next meeting. If you are planning to go, **please let me know by e-mail at nransford@comcast.net**