

## Commodore's Report

**H**ow time flies. This is the last log and soon the last membership meeting before the summer cruising season is here. The Bridge is winding down after a busy buildup to Opening Day. Now we can look forward to that great cruising schedule Rear Commodore Lori has put together. I myself am looking forward to sitting in the cockpit after a typical SYC potluck, watching the stars come out, calmly at anchor. If this sounds good to you, I'm sure we'll see you at some of the cruises. After all, this is what SYC is all about as we told so many of our guests at the Opening Day Breakfast—good friends, good food, and great cruising. And speaking of good friends and good food, don't forget the SYC summer BBQ's, the fourth Wednesday of June, July, and August. Bring your own meat to grill and bring a side dish for the potluck table. The grills will be hot at 6:00 PM. At the BBQ's last summer there were usually some spontaneous games of Farkle and Dominoes, not to mention the monthly SYC Invitational Horseshoe Tournament. I will send out e-mail reminders for each of the three months.

As I said in my message last Sunday, the First Annual SYC Opening Day Breakfast was a huge success and the whole club deserves a pat on the back and a large thank you. Our Immediate Past Commodore Tom Evans deserves special recognition. As he does with so many projects, with dogged determination, Tom saw this thru to a successful completion. Thanks Tom.

See you at the May 24<sup>th</sup> meeting and out on the water.

Wishing you fair winds and calm seas.

—Steve Glenn, Commodore, Squalicum Yacht Club

## Vice Commodore's Report

The April program by Sunny Brown and Marge Reichardt on the Drayton Harbor Museum and the VALROS was warmly received by members. Exploring the history of our area is always fun. For May we have a different type of program. Toni Knight will be bringing her fellow improv students to entertain us. The instructor, Sheila Goldsmith, is the founder and director of *The Center for Creative Expression* here in Bellingham. "Together we will explore creativity and spontaneity in a playful and friendly atmosphere through exercises, narrative and scenes." (Toni Knight)

Let me take a moment to pat Tom Evans on the back. Many of you participated in the Opening Day breakfast, but Tom was the mover and shaker behind us all. When you read this give him a big ATTABOY. I'm sure that he will hear you.

If I can keep the smoke inside the wires (ask Larry to explain) I'll see you at Blind Bay.

—Vice Commodore Rod

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# Rear Commodore's Report

We had a great start to the 2006 cruising season with our Shakedown Cruise to Inati Bay on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Our hats are off to Randy Bilof and Lorretta Palagi for managing a 15(!) boat raft in lumpy spring weather with the assistance of many of our experienced SYC families.

Please check out this edition of the *Log* carefully for news of the next three SYC cruises—two in May and one in early June. We are off to a great start and want to see as many boats on the water this year as possible enjoying our fabulous cruising grounds!

Mother's Day at Blind Bay (May 13–14) with no-host cruising, gives us a chance to check in with new Shaw Island Marina owners Steve and Terrie Mason. As more marinas are bought up or taken out of public availability (like Blakely this past year) it is more important than ever for cruisers to support the remaining establishments that provide provisions and fuel to the boating public. SYC has not cruised to Blind Bay since 1999, according to Paul Graf's comprehensive statistics. See the related cruise announcement in this *Log*.

Memorial Day Weekend (May 27–29) at Cornet Bay in Deception Pass State Park was last visited by SYC in 1988! Way too much time has passed since our club has visited this gem of a park. And while some among us talk about circumnavigating Saltspring Island or Vancouver Island, this is an opportunity to circumnavigate Fidelgo Island—don't miss it! See the cruise announcement in this *Log*. Raleigh and Lori Province are Cruise Hosts.

Spencer Spit Rendezvous (June 10–11) brings our club back to a charming state park that was a regular SYC cruise in the 90's. With the families from *Rebound* (Mike and Kris Heintz, John Robertson and Linda Tibbot) as hosts, we're looking forward to a friendly and fun weekend on the water. See the cruise announcement in this *Log*.

While we are looking forward to our organized cruises, it is also important to recognize our families who are using 2006 to fulfill personal cruising milestones. The Smalls, aboard *Marea*, are leaving for a trip up the Inside Passage to Alaska as soon as Andy's school year ends in June. The Sterrett's, boatless for almost two years, found their new boat (a Marven 37) in Sitka. They will rename her the *Geordie MacRae*, and spend two months bringing her home to Bellingham this summer. And the Hummels in *Alegria* are leaving in May for a circumnavigation of Vancouver Island that will bring them home almost eight weeks later. Fair winds and calm seas to all!

The weather is moderating and it's time to get out on the water—let's go cruising!

—Rear Commodore Lori

## Spencer Spit Rendezvous—June 10–11

As Spencer Spit gets a bit bumpy, we will not plan on a large raft-up. Potluck will be on land with activities to follow. We hope to see you there!

—Mike and Kris Heintz (kheintz@nas.com) & John Robertson and Linda Tibbot (jhrkt@msn.com)



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# Opening Day Breakfast

We had a lot of fun, raised \$738.00 for the Bellingham Food Bank and fed and warmed a lot of local boaters! The leftover food went to the Light House Mission and they told me they were thrilled to be able to serve eggs, sausage and pancakes to their folks.

I have received a lot of kudos for this event but I want to underline the response of the whole Bridge and their (and my) spouses in preparing for this extravaganza. Planning, shopping, re-planning, more shopping, worrying, and giving of their time without reservation, they made this event possible. Special thank you to David & Elaine Small and Linda & John for the portable shelters that kept our cooks and staff out of the rain. The Club all pulled together to make Commodore Steve's vision of an Opening Day benefit breakfast a success.

At 0600 on Saturday the members started showing up early for the 0630 shift. It proceeded smoothly until 0645 when the wind repeatedly blew out the flame on the out door griddle. The SYC Emergency Response Team flew into action and with precious minutes remaining till we opened they, with a timely assist from Rod & Susan Dean's tarp, erected a wind break and the meal was back on track in two shakes of a lamb's tail!

There are too many great stories for this article but a few examples of members taking charge are Jill Hummel manning the coffee area, Doug and Pat carrying trays of hot cakes to hungry boaters, Carol Graf directing bewildered folks at the front door, Arlen Horne in the middle of the griddle cook's "pit" area getting orders on plates in the heart of the cooking action, John Robertson defending his sausage end of the grill from Cary Worthen's encroaching pancakes; response by members was awesome! The best part of this event to me was, when I stopped to listen, inside the Clubhouse, or under the cooking tarp, laughter was everywhere. Members and guests were having fun all morning and getting the Marina off to a warm and well fed start on Opening Day.

—Tom Evans, Kitchen Manager and Chief Bottle Washer



# Landscape Committee Report

Sincere thanks are due Annie Naismith for choosing, purchasing and planting the Coral Bark Japanese Maples that now grace our front landscaping. The two trees are an excellent addition to our existing beds. Thanks also to Ronnalee & Lorretta for their assistance in replanting and rearranging plants Friday prior to Opening Day and to Jill Hummel for her assistance at the work party the previous Sunday. Jill has agreed to join Ronnalee & myself in the Landscape Maintenance Committee. Thank you Jill! In my opinion, the front landscaping has never looked so good! Thank you!

—Joyce Glenn

# Ships Store Report

SYC shirts: Most shirts have been distributed, however I do have a second order to Bergen & Co that is pending. I will have them for you at the May meeting. Bergen & Co can embroider our SYC burgee on anything that will lie flat and you are welcome to take your own items in or purchase directly from them. I do carry a catalog in the Ships Store or you can go on line. We do have two polo shirts that are irregulars and I am returning them for credit and reorder. Please let me know if there is anything significantly wrong with any other shirts. You all looked great at Opening Day although the weather wasn't particularly conducive to showing off our shirts. Thanks to Sandra Whitney for the original idea of ordering shirts for the membership with the SYC logo.

—Joyce Glenn

## Classified

Raytheon R20 Raster Scan radar—\$250; Winter trailered boat storage—\$3 lineal foot/mo. Contact Ham Hayes 319-1936

# **DRAFT Squalicum Yacht Club Minutes**

## **April 26, 2006**

Meeting called to order at 19:34. Mainsail reading by Susan Dean, "Weather."

Guests: Sunny Brown and Marge Reichhardt from the Drayton Harbor Museum.

**Secretary's report:** Minutes approved with one change: Fir Crest should be Fircrest.

**Treasurer's report:**

Checking:	\$6,960.79
Savings:	<u>3,992.65</u> (includes assignment to port)
Total:	\$10,953.44

Expenses for back door: \$373.68; redoing hallway: \$199.69.

**Rear Commodore's report:** Cruising season has launched: We had 15 SYC boats in the harbor; 14 on the raft for the Shakedown Cruise in Inati Bay. Remember Blind Bay cruise on Mother's Day weekend—no host; and the Memorial Day weekend cruise to Cornet Bay, hosted by Raleigh and Lori Province. Let's go cruising!

**Vice Commodore's report:** Thanks to Mike/Kris Heintz, John Robertson, Linda Tibbot for being host committee. Thanks to Rod and Susan Dean for putting together the most incredible display board with photos of members' boats.

**Commodore's report:** Thanks to Joyce for all of her work on the t-shirts. Opening Day: hosting a breakfast with all donations going to the Food Bank. Ordered banner for Opening Day at a cost of \$168 to \$200 and a banner to take on cruises. Moved and passed to reimburse commodore for banners.

*Opening Day Committee:* Plans are proceeding for the breakfast on May 6. Please contact Tom Evans when you're ready to volunteer.

*Bylaws:* Approved at last meeting. Contact Joyce Glenn for a hardcopy to be distributed at the May meeting. Contact Lorretta Palagi for an electronic copy.

Meeting adjourned at 2004. Program on Drayton Harbor Museum presented by Sunny Brown and Marge Reichhardt.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lorretta Palagi, Secretary

# Mothers Day at Blind Bay

May 13-14, 2006

Mother's Day weekend at Blind Bay is a no-host affair. Commodore Steve will be with Al Whitney aboard *Chardonnay* for the weekend and asks that any SYC families planning on cruising to Blind Bay or the vicinity over the weekend give him a shout—either before the cruise at [outsailing@earthlink.net](mailto:outsailing@earthlink.net) or on VHF Channel 16 to *Chardonnay*.

# Memorial Day Cruise

Cornet Bay at Deception Pass

May 27-29, 2006

Have you ever circumnavigated Fidelgo Island? This is your chance!

Our cruising challenge: very low midday tides. Our opportunity: planning a challenging cruise with our friends! Sunday's activities include self-directed hikes to either Goose Rocks or Hoypus Point. Our potluck will begin at 6 p.m. and the evening bonfire comes with mulled wine and a contest: the silliest rhyme or song you know, to be judged by our own John Robertson and Toni Knight! We might even get them to bring out their instruments.

If you are planning to attend, please contact Captain Raleigh at 734-7560 (h) or 303-3276 (cell) or [raleighp@comcast.net](mailto:raleighp@comcast.net). We will send out more detailed information in the week before the cruise to those who plan to attend.

—Raleigh and Lori Province

## Ships Store

Burpees	\$ 20
Hats	\$15-18
Cookbook	\$10
SYC patches	\$5

I also have catalogs if anyone is interested in ordering the SYC logo stitched onto clothing items. I usually have the above items as well as the catalogs with me at all SYC functions. Contact: Joyce Glenn, (360) 756-2230, [outsailing@earthlink.net](mailto:outsailing@earthlink.net)

## New Member Welcome

Eric and Carrie are rejoining. Please update your 2006 rosters for their contact information:

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Thanks,  
—Linda



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Squalicum Yacht Club meets at 1800 on the fourth Wednesday of each month, September–May, at our building adjacent to the Seaview North boatyard. Potluck format—bring a dish to pass, your own table service and beverage.

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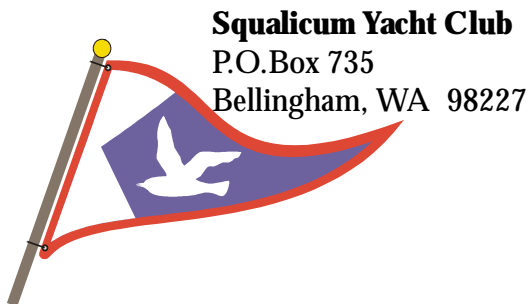
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***May 24***