

# Anchorline

Newsletter of the West Seattle Yacht Club

## Commodore's Report

Hello West Seattle Yacht Club Members,

Hope you all had a nice summer - Jim and I enjoyed eating seafood with you in Des Moines last June and steaks with you in Brownsville. We heard there was beautiful weather in Roche Harbor, thanks to our Cruise Captain Rod Rupprecht and Doreen for organizing and providing the steaks and Kenny and Deborah Olson for providing the wine. Our club gained some notoriety once again by participating in the West Seattle's Grand Parade, bubbles, and our mermaid (Rear Commodore Lynda) riding in Rick Shelton's dinghy were loved by everyone. The last cruise of the season to South Sound was beautiful, thanks to Cruise Captain Neal Duett for organizing the moorage and RC Lynda Swift for getting us together for many happy hours, including a Hawaiian themed potluck at Fair Harbor Marina. And wrapping up the cruise season in Bremerton for the Blackberry Festival was a rockin' good time, especially dancing to the band Hair Nation.

A highlight of our trip was "finding" a mysterious sea creature. We were cruising to Longbranch between McNeil and Anderson Island, going about 7 knots when a huge white thing breached just off our port side. We slowed to a stop and turned the boat and the sunfish stopped too! It floated on the surface to check us out for about 20 minutes before turning sideways and swimming down. I took a video and sent it to KIRO news; it can be found on-line. After some research, we found out it is a Mola Mola or Sunfish and that they are usually found 50 miles offshore in warmer waters.

Now I realize why the summer seemed to fly by - there were so many fun times, thanks to all our wonderful members and volunteers that helped create life-long memories together.

This brings us to September and it's back to the Temple for our first meeting on Friday, September 15th. This is our yearly nomination meeting, and I am happy to report that most positions are filled but we have 5 openings. First our 2-year board members: Dee Selk, Mike Belknap, and Jamie Jensen will be moving on as 1-year board members. We will need 3 people to fill their positions. We are also looking for a Yearbook Editor; MaryAnn Lobdell will help to make this an easy transition. The Anchorline & Webpage will need a new creator, as Dee Selk will be retiring from those duties. She will also help with the transition. And last but not least, actually this is very important - we are looking for a Rear Commodore. Besides running the raffle and prizes for the meetings, the Rear Commodore is responsible for booking reservations for our cruises and creating the agenda - i.e.: happy hours, games, potlucks. Please see the job descriptions for Rear Commodore, Board of Trustees, and Yearbook Editor in the Anchorline, and either me or our current RC Lynda is available to answer any questions. This is a great opportunity to work with some pretty amazing people while also getting to know more about the club and our members. As a Past Commodore, Rod Rupprecht will be leading the nominations, the actual elections will occur during our October Meeting, on Friday, October 20th.

Commodore Dori Schnelz

### Save the Date:

We will be welcoming your next commodore, Julie Estes on November 4th, at Queen City Yacht Club. More details to follow.

General Meeting

September 15, 6PM  
Masonic Temple  
Cocktails at 6PM

Meeting Agenda

General Meeting

General Meeting Dinner

Catered Italian Dinner

Next Meeting  
October 20



## September Birthdays

|        |           |           |
|--------|-----------|-----------|
| Hans   | Erickson  | 1         |
| Naomi  | Shelton   | 04 – 2007 |
| Katie  | Previs    | 6         |
| Mark   | Clinton   | 9         |
| Doreen | Rupprecht | 27        |
| Lynda  | Swift     | 28        |

## Vice Commodore's Report

Well, it's been a great cruising season with plenty of stories and laughter to keep us going through the upcoming fall and winter months. This upcoming and of course first fall meeting we are going to kick things off right by having our meeting football themed. Please wear your favorite (I'm assuming Seahawks) attire. This month's meeting will be an Italian extravaganza hosted by none other than Mike Belknap and Rachelle Stanko, what you may not know is that Mike has deep Italian roots. So bring your appetito and scheda ricetta....aka appetite and recipes cards! Wondering what to do if you aren't a Seahawks fan? Prepare yourself for some smack talking! You can still wear your team's jersey ♡

This will be a nominations meeting, don't be shy.... It's a great club to be part of and of course if/when you volunteer there are plenty of people to support you! Please consider one of our open positions and you can also contact any of us officers if you want to know what position are open before the meeting.

We shall see all of you on Friday, looking forward to another great year with all you great members.

GO HAWKS  
Your Vice Commodore  
Julie Estes



## News from RBAW and Laura Shelton

As you may remember, we've been discussing the recent new legislation which increases the distance a vessel must maintain from a southern resident killer whale/orca from 4,000 yards to 1,000 yards. This will become effective January 1, 2025. RBAW is awaiting the next steps to have a representative be part of the taskforce to determine education, outreach, and enforcement.

Be on the lookout for the RBAW newsletter in your inbox later this month. They are also interested in any legislative priorities our members are concerned about. The current priorities are the watercraft excise tax depreciation schedule for vessels owned more than 15 years, Lakebay marina, derelict vessels and boating access as well as boating safety.

Laura Shelton



### **Mola Mola or Sunfish**

Topping out around 5,000 pounds (2,268 kg), the mola is the world's heaviest bony fish.

Photo compliments Dori Schnelz

## Rear Commodore's Report

Howdy boaters,

So many great times with new memories and adventures after this wonderful summer Cruise season. Thank you all that came out and made it special. Also, a heartfelt thank you for all the help and support to make it even more fun and successful. Happy Fall and welcome back to our General Meetings I am hoping to have great turnouts so we can hang out together and enjoy this special Yacht Club.

Rear Commodore  
Lynda Swift



## Summer Birthdays not Forgotten

### June Birthdays

|         |          |    |
|---------|----------|----|
| Tony    | Ethier   | 2  |
| Mary    | Duett    | 9  |
| Gregory | Dudiak   | 12 |
| Jessica | McLain   | 14 |
| Jim     | Schnelz  | 21 |
| Neal    | Duett    | 25 |
| Susan   | Ponselle | 28 |
| Michael | Lobdell  | 28 |
| Darin   | Benofsky | 29 |
| Mike    | Belknap  | 30 |
| Dee     | Selk     | 30 |

### July Birthdays

|          |         |    |
|----------|---------|----|
| Susan    | Scott   | 2  |
| Nic      | Shelton | 2  |
| Mike     | Lesieur | 10 |
| Rachelle | Stanko  | 11 |
| Randy    | Previs  | 16 |
| Scott    | Collins | 21 |
| Elissa   | Heller  | 24 |

### August Birthdays

|       |          |    |
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| Arden | Darnell  | 9  |
| Julie | Estes    | 18 |
| Judy  | Giddens  | 29 |
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**DUTIES OF THE REAR COMMODORE**

Shall obtain moorage, plan, organize & be in charge of all club sponsored cruises including the Sweetheart land Cruise. Turn in receipts for reservations into the Purser for payment and/or reimbursement.

Note: Many of the marinas are booked a year in advance. It's best to book Des Moines for the Seafood feed and Brownsville for the Steak Fry for the following year while the club is there in the current year. The park and Brownsville YC clubhouse must be booked separately (also a year in advance).

Shall obtain moorages for all cruises, including the Sweetheart Cruise, Steak Fry & Seafood feed.

Should attempt to be the 1<sup>st</sup> to arrive at the destinations or designate a cruise captain. This is to enable them to direct arriving vessels to available moorage.

Is responsible for organizing potlucks, games, contests, or other events that are part of the cruise, and any appropriate prizes.

For Steak Fry, this includes providing lunch and drinks for Saturday.

Is responsible for alerting the Telephone Committee to contact the membership regarding their attendance on the cruises. This will enable him/her to plan moorage, make dinner reservations, etc.

**General Meeting duties:**

Selling 3/3/3 tickets for the name drawing & raffles at the monthly meetings.

Purser will assist with keeping the paid members current for the name drawing.

Submit a written report each month to the Anchorline Editor, including information on upcoming cruises & a report on past cruises. Exception, July & August.

Shall coordinate & cooperate with the other officers in the performance of their duties.



## Open Duties on WSYC Board con't

### DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Shall be composed of:

**Immediate Past Commodore**

**Commodore**

**Vice Commodore**

**Rear Commodore**

**Purser**

**Yeoman**

**1-year Trustees (3)**

**2-year Trustees (3)**

**The Board of Trustees control and manage the club's finances, budgets, activities, and affairs of the club. Decisions regarding appropriate funds are a board decision and should not be voted on at General Meetings. Discussions regarding finances are appropriate but voting shall be the responsibility of the Board of Trustees.**

**Shall meet at a regular time each month, to be fixed by the Board and at such other times as may be directed by the Commodore.**

**Six (6) Board members shall constitute a working quorum.**

**Shall have power, by appointment, to fill any vacancies occurring in any elective office or in its membership until the next annual election.**

**Read & understand the club's bi-laws.**

**Note: It is helpful to have the Anchorline Editor and Storekeeper present, as well as any other Chairmen who have reports to be given to the Board. All Board meetings are open to ALL members**

### **Upcoming Open Position of Anchorline Editor and Webmaster**

The Anchorline is created in the format of Publisher, but whomever takes this task on may change to a format they are comfortable creating.

The Webmaster duties are on GoDaddy web design. It is a user-friendly platform. A guidance manual and the past editor will be by your side to help with transitioning.

### DUTIES OF YEARBOOK EDITOR

1. Make changes from the previous Yearbook and save as new. The format is currently maintained in Publisher.
2. Update the Officers and Committee Members. Get pictures of new Officers and see if any of the Officers moving up in the chairs want a new picture.
3. Update Past Commodore list. Add a star to the Membership list for the new Past Commodore. c. Add Family/Male/Female of the Year and find a picture of them.
4. Ask the Reciprocal Rep if there are any changes to the Reciprocal list.
5. Obtain a copy of the Cruise & Social schedules and update.
6. Check with Purser to make sure new members are added and members who have withdrawn from the club are removed.
7. Check with Members to verify their information is up-to-date.
  - a. Boat information
  - b. Address
  - c. Phone numbers
  - d. Email address
8. Update Current Membership information.
9. Find pictures of members. These are usually found on the WSYC Facebook page.
  - a. Download pictures that would be good to use.
  - b. Determine which ones to use and where/how to put them into the yearbook pages.
  - c. Copy/paste into the Yearbook pages and format to fit.
10. Send out WSYC FYIs to the Officers and ask if there are changes or updates to be made.
11. Update the By-Laws if there have been changes. Language should be in the minutes from the board & membership meetings when voted in.
12. When changes complete, save as PDF and have the Past Commodore review for accuracy and/or
13. Make changes as necessary
14. Save as PDF again and contact vendor for quote and printing. We have been using Lancer LTD in Spokane. All correspondence is done via their website and phone calls. [www.lancerltd.com](http://www.lancerltd.com)
15. Receive the new Yearbooks
16. Mark one for each Member (couple)
17. Give to the Purser, who will:
  - Distribute to Members who are in good standing.
  - Provide extra inserts to the New Membership Rep.
  - Provide extra inserts to the Storekeeper for purchase.

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## Blackberry Festival—Bremerton



## Steak Fry—Brownsville



## 2023 SOCIAL SCHEDULE

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| January 20   | General Meeting/Masonic Temple                 |
| February 17  | General Meeting/Masonic Temple/Crab Feed       |
| March 17     | General Meeting/Masonic Temple/St. Patty's Day |
| April 21     | General Meeting/Masonic Temple                 |
| May 19       | General Meeting/Masonic Temple                 |
| June 3       | General Meeting @ Des Moines Marina            |
| June 17      | WSYC Annual Golf Tournament                    |
| July 23      | West Seattle Grand Parade/California Ave       |
| September 15 | General Meeting/Masonic Temple/Nominations     |
| October 20   | General Meeting/Masonic Temple/Elections       |
| November ??  | Commodore Ball/ TBD                            |
| November 17  | General Meeting/Masonic Temple                 |
| December 22  | General Meeting/Masonic Temple-Christmas Party |

## 2023 CRUISE SCHEDULE

|                |                                     |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| February 10-12 | Sweetheart Cruise/Clearwater Casino |
| April 14-16    | Stag Cruise/ Mystery Location       |
| April 14-16    | Doe Run/Only the Ladies Know        |
| May 26-29      | Memorial Weekend/ Kingston          |
| June 2-4       | Seafood Feed/ Des Moines Marina     |
| July 9-11      | Roche Harbor - San Juan Islands     |
| August 18-20   | Steak Fry/ Brownsville              |
| August 25-28   | Mini Cruise/ South Sound            |
| September 1-4  | Labor Day Cruise/Bremerton          |
| December 1-3   | Christmas Cruise/Port Orchard       |

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# West Seattle Yacht Club Officers, Board Members & Volunteers Nov 2022 thru Oct 2023

| <b>OFFICERS</b>   | <b>VOLUNTEERS</b>   | <b>VOLUNTEERS</b>   |
|---|---|---|
| <b>Commodore</b>  | <b>Phone Tree Committee</b>   | <b>Membership</b>   |
| Dori Schnelz  | Lee Lightle   | Jim Schnelz   |
|   | Jim Rush  |   |
| <b>Vice Commodore</b>   | <b>Publicity Committee</b>  | <b>Meeting Hosts (the bar)</b>  |
| Julie Estes   | The Club  | Val Jensen  |
| <b>Rear Commodore</b>   | <b>Cruise Captain</b>   | <b>Web Master</b>   |
| Lynda Swift   | North Sound:<br>Rod & Doreen Rupprecht  | Dee Selk  |
| <b>Purser</b>   | South Sound: Neal & Mary Duett  | <b>Anchorline</b>   |
| Lori Lesieur  | Fishing Derby:  | Dee Selk <a href="mailto:dselk46@comcast.net">dselk46@comcast.net</a> |
| <b>Yeoman</b>   | <b>Ship Store</b>   | <b>Sunshine Committee</b>   |
| Laura Shelton Co (1/2 time)                                       | Arden Darnell   | Sue Scott (206) 938-8918  |
| Mary Ann Lobdell Co (brd mtgs)                                    |   |   |
| Julie Baker Maintain google grp,<br>bday & Phone Tree lists       | <b>Photographer</b>   | <b>Reciprocals</b>  |
| <b>BOARD MEMBERS</b>  | Linda Everts and anyone with a phone  | Julz Ethier   |
| <b>Past Commodore</b>   | post to <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Westseattleyachtclub">www.facebook.com/Westseattleyachtclub</a> | <b>Cruise Bar Hosts</b><br>Rachelle Stanko &<br>Mike Belknap          |
| Rick Shelton  |   |   |
| <b>2 Year Board Members</b>                                       | <b>IOBG</b>   |   |
| 1 Dee Selk  | Lani Lightle  |   |
| 2 Mike Belknap  | Jeannie Gordon  | <b>Advertising</b>  |
| 3 Jamie Jensen  |   |   |
|   | <b>RBAW</b>   |   |
| <b>1 Year Board Members</b><br><i>(past 2 year board members)</i> | Laura Shelton   |   |
| 1 Mike Lesieur  |   |   |
| 2 Jon Shelton   |   |   |
| 3 Don Lobdell   |   |   |