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Newsletter of the West Seattle Yacht Club

Commodore's Report

Ahoy mateys!

Spring has sprung, you can see it all around. With this comes all sorts of planning for boat adventures. The men are taking off for the Stag cruise and the lucky women are headed to Vegas for things untold. April is our open house month for the club so feel free to bring anyone that is interested in joining for a free meal and great company. We have lots of new members and would love to see all of you at the general meeting on the 19th. We are having Flyer Friday on the 26th of this month. For those of you who haven't heard me talk about it these last few meetings, it is where we distribute our club's flyers to other marinas to get our name out there. If you want to come along, let me know @ 206-351-0073. Plus, at the end of all our hard work we will be stopping at a local watering hole for a cold one.

May is just around the corner and you all know what that means.... OPENING DAY! I have attached the invitations we have received from Seattle Yacht Club and the San Juan Island Yacht Club. These invitations give you a great idea as to what to expect here in Seattle and up in Friday Harbor. I would suggest reading all of both invitations, but I found the SJIYC particularly interesting. I won't let the cat out of the bag, you will have to read for yourselves. Some of the items listed in the SYC invitation are for the commodore only, now doesn't that make you wanna run the chairs! So be mindful of what's what. Either way I'm hoping the weather is good and we can all get out and watch the boat parade and the rowing races aka the Windermere cup. I feel like things are starting to heat up and we are all going to get busier soon, be safe out there, and be kind to each other!

Julie Estes
Commodore



General Meeting

April 19, 6PM
Masonic Temple
Cocktails at 6PM

Meeting Agenda

General

General Meeting Dinner

Spring Dinner

Next Meeting
May 17



April Birthdays

Don	Lobdell	2
Julie	Ethier	3
Jon	Shelton	10
Stephen	King	12
Parker	Shelton	15
Sharon	Scott	16
Dori	Schnelz	20
Tammie	Legg	24
Linda	Everts	24

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ADMIRAL
DAVID SANFORD
ADMIRALETTE
ALESHA SHEMWELL
VICE ADMIRAL
CHRISTIAN LOCKWOOD



COMMODORE
PAM LOWRY
VICE COMMODORE
RANDY HOLBROOK
REAR COMMODORE
KIP CRAMER

March
15,

2024

Dear Commodore/President:

It is our pleasure to invite you and the members of your organization to join Seattle Yacht Club on Saturday, May 4, 2024, for Opening Day of Boating. Our theme this year is **Pirates & Pursuers**. Your Club's enthusiasm for the celebration of Opening Day helps to make for a great community event and a highlight in Pacific Northwest boating.

Opening Day at Seattle Yacht Club is several days' worth of celebration, culminating in the Commissioning Ceremony, crew races, and boat parade on May 4. For your convenience, our website will answer many questions regarding the schedule, activities, and policies of Opening Day. Please visit www.seattleyachtclub.org and go to the [Opening Day webpage](#) for detailed information. Registration is necessary in order to participate in the Opening Day parade and reserve moorage on Dock Zero.

Please remind your members to bring their Club membership cards to the main reception desk to set up a reciprocal account if they wish to use the facilities during the week. Your members can also preregister for reciprocity by visiting our [Opening Day webpage](#). Reciprocal accounts will automatically close out after Opening Day.

As Commodore/President, you are invited to the following events:

Saturday, May 4

- Continental Breakfast: 0715 / Fireside Lounge
- Briefing & Line-Up for Commissioning Ceremony: 0820 / Heritage Room
- Commissioning Ceremony: 0845 / Lawn
- *VIP Boats: 0930 / Dock 4 / Estimated cost of \$65 pp; includes breakfast, lunch, beverages
- Commodores Cocktail Reception: 1700 / Heritage Room
- Closing Ceremony: 1830 / Lawn

Sunday, May 5

- Mark Mayer Regatta: First Warning, 1200

Note: The attire for Wednesday and Thursday is Uniform of the Day for men/Cocktail attire or Uniform of the Day for women, and Saturday is Uniform of the Day for all, unless otherwise specified. There is a charge only for events noted with an asterisk; price subject to change.

We ask that you RSVP for these events by using this link: [RSVP Card for Area Yacht Clubs 2024 - Formstack](#). We kindly request your response by **April 1, 2024**.

You will receive confirmation emails confirming your reservation for each event. Please look for this and verify all info is correct. Should you have any questions, please contact Meghan Sanford at (206) 334-4617 or email ops1@seattleyachtclub.org.

Your participation in Seattle Yacht Club's Opening Day is valued and appreciated. We sincerely hope to see you on May 4 as we celebrate **Pirates & Pursuers**!

Sincerely,
Pam Lowry
Commodore

David Sanford
Admiral of the Day

Uniform of the Day
White Pants/Skirt - Blue Blazer - White Shirt - White Shoes
(Dark Tie for Men, Neutral Stockings for Women)



We at the Port of Bremerton are excited to officially announce that an air show will be returning once again to Bremerton National Airport this summer. The newly named show, 'Bremerton Air Show,' will feature many of the same amenities as last year, with the addition of some amazing performers. The following are the current confirmed participants:

- The West Coast Rhino's F-18 Demonstration Team
- Undaunted Airshows' 2 RV aerobatic routine
- Mr. Dan Vance & Roger Collins in 2 P-51s ("Speedball Alice" & "Lady Jo", respectively)
- John Blasé in a Marchetti SF-260C
- The Erickson Aircraft Collection, including a Republic P-47D Thunderbolt (the largest single-engine fighter of WWII), a German WWII ME-109 fighter, & a

Save The Date—continued

Curtis P-40 Warhawk (famous for its shark-mouth and use by the American Volunteer Group in China)

- Collins Historic Aircraft Foundation's collection of various airplanes
- The Cascade Warbird Squadron
- The US Special Operations Command (SOCOM) Para-Commandos team in from McDill AFB FI

Bremerton Air Show CEO Doug Fratoni stated, "We are very excited to host the US Navy F/A-18 West Coast Super Hornet demonstration team and the US Special Operations Command Para Commandos this year. Bremerton is home to one of the F/A-18 pilots that will be flying, so come out and see a hometown hero demonstrate one of the Navy's top-tier aircraft. There is a little something for everyone: sign up online on our website to get the airshow insights and special offers. We thank all our sponsors who made this event happen. If you want to join the growing list of sponsors, please visit the Bremerton Airshow website and click the link provided."

Beyond overhead aerials, we will also be featuring a F-18 from Dream Big Entertainment available for photo-ops, the Collins Historic Aircraft Foundation's military vehicle collection, a car show each day, and a variety of food vendors (including Bremerton National Airport's very own Amelia's Hangar). If you would like more information on becoming a craft or food vendor, please visit the [Bremerton Air Show website](#). Our announcer this year will be Mr. Ken Hildebrandt.

Port CEO Jim Rothlin notes, "We had such a positive response from our show last year at the Port, and we are excited that this year's event is even bigger and better! We hope that friends and family get the opportunity to enjoy this very unique event that we are fortunate to offer to the community. This is a great experience for all ages!"

"It was a joy to see the impact this captivating show made on our community last year, especially as it was multigenerational," states Port Commission President Gary Anderson. "We look forward to bringing such a wanted activity for our local community again this year and are confident it will be another great hub for economic generation locally."

For information regarding the show, please visit www.bremertonairshow.com or check them out on Facebook [@bremertonairshow](#).

Early Ticket Sales

Early ticket sales begin Saturday, April 13th and lasts for 72 hours. To reserve your tickets ahead of time (and get a deal!), sign up to be an airshow insider on the Bremerton Air Show's website.

[Become an Insider](#)



Vice Commodore's Report

Vice talk

Where flowers bloom, so does hope, and I'm hoping we all have a wonderful Spring.

The General Meeting will be "A Seaside Picnic", mermaids welcome! Fried Chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, rolls, fruit, veggies, chips, and frosted brownies for just \$15 per person.

Getting together is the best part, but the food and drinks are a great plus. Bring your friends, as this is our open house and is always fun. Let's "Spring" to the General Meeting on Friday April 19th, lol.

See you soon.
Vice Lynda Swift



March Dinner Hosts



Happy March Birthdays



Welcome

Amy Branham & Kat Coelho
(Kat not pictured)



Rear Commodore's Report

Ahoy there mateys,

We attended Deborah Olson's memorial this past weekend. It was very touching and a wonderful tribute to her. I remember going to Kauai with Kenny and Deb and Rick and Pam Zeleznik. Pam and Rick's daughter came over mid-week to do some hiking, so they booked a kayaking trip with their family. Ken, Deb, Julz, and I went on a catamaran snorkel tour. It was super fun. On our way back we stopped in a small town and Deb, and I checked out a jewelry store while Kenny and Julz went to an antique store. Deb put her arm in mine and announced to the sales gal that we were getting married and needed wedding rings. We had so much fun.

So, the girls are off to Vegas, baby! For a fantastic Doe Run. How many years have I heard you girls wanting to go to Vegas, I can't wait to hear all about it! Oh, that's right – What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas!

Next up is the Stag cruise. Are you guys ready for some fun, food, a little libation and of course all while checking out our boats for the season? I have reserved 7 spots, if you would like to go, please let me know.

Then it's off to the races for a great cruising season. I'm looking forward to Dock Street in Tacoma for Memorial Weekend.

Stay safe, and I'll see you on the water.

Tony Ethier



Memorium—Deborah Olson

Deborah Olson, a beacon of joy and optimism, passed away on March 19, 2024, in Seattle, Washington, after a brave battle with cancer. Born on October 13, 1950, in Portola, California, Deborah's life was a testament to her loving spirit and her relentless pursuit of new experiences.

Deborah's zest for life was matched by her commitment to her community. As an active member of the West Seattle Yacht Club, she made history as the first woman commodore, leading with grace and tenacity. Her adventurous spirit also led her to embrace river rafting, zip lining, and other exhilarating activities, always with a smile and a sense of wonder.

Words such as loving, kind, and optimistic only begin to capture the essence of Deborah. Her radiant smile and unwavering positivity lifted the spirits of all who knew her. She approached every challenge with a hopeful heart and an unshakeable belief in the goodness of people.

Deborah's life was a beautiful tapestry woven with love, adventure, and service. Deborah took the bad with the good and never complained. As we bid farewell to this extraordinary woman, we celebrate the countless lives she touched and the indelible mark she has left on the world. Her memory will continue to inspire and guide us, just as the stars she so dearly loved to sail under will continue to shine brightly in the night sky.



2024 SOCIAL SCHEDULE

January 19	General Meeting/Masonic Temple
February 16	General Meeting/Masonic Temple
March 15	General Meeting/Masonic Temple
April 19	General Meeting/Masonic Temple
May 17	General Meeting/Masonic Temple
June 9	General Meeting @ Des Moines Marina
June TBD	WSYC Annual Golf Tournament
July 20	West Seattle Grand Parade/California Ave
September 20	General Meeting/Masonic Temple/Nominations
October 18	General Meeting/Masonic Temple/Elections
November ??	Commodore Ball/ TBD
November 15	General Meeting/Masonic Temple
December 20	General Meeting/Masonic Temple-Christmas Party

2024 CRUISE SCHEDULE

February 9-11	Sweetheart Cruise/Seven Cedars Casino
April 26-28	Stag Cruise/Super Secret Location
April 12-14	Doe Run/Only the Ladies Know
May 24-27	Memorial Weekend/Dock Street—Tacoma
June 7-8	Seafood Feed/ Des Moines Marina
June 29	Blast the Bridge/Bremerton
July 14-16	San Juan Islands Rendezvous
August 23-25	Steak Fry/ Brownsville
August 26-30	Mini Cruise/ South Sound
August 30-September 2	Blackberry Festival/Bremerton
September TBD	Dick Baker/Jeff Freeman Memorial Fishing Derby
October 25-27	Halloween Cruise/Bell Harbor
December 6-8	Christmas Cruise/Port Orchard

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West Seattle Yacht Club Officers, Board Members & Volunteers Nov 2023 thru Oct 2024

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Julie Estes	Lee Lightle & Jim Rush	Jim Schnelz
Vice Commodore	Publicity Committee	Meeting Hosts (the bar)
Lynda Swift	The Club	Val Jensen
Rear Commodore	Cruise Captain	Web Master
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BOARD MEMBERS		RBAW Laura Shelton
Past Commodore Dori Schnelz	post to www.facebook.com/Westseattle yachtclub	Cruise Bar Hosts Rachelle Stanko & Mike Belknap
2 Year Board Members	1 Year Board Members <i>(past 2 year board members)</i>	IOBG Lani Lightle & Jeannie Gordon
1 Julz Ethier	1 Dee Selk	
2 Kim Eiring	2 Mike Belknap	
3 Scott Colliins	3 Jamie Jensen	