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**February 2012**

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**8:00 PM Meeting**

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## Commodore Harry Duncan

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The winter storm of January 2012 will be remembered by most of us for a very long time. We had about 10 inches of snow at our house but were lucky not to have to deal with the freezing rain or resulting power outages. We hope that you all fared as well and that La Niña has finished wreaking havoc in the Pacific Northwest and will sink quietly into the place she came from and disappear forever!

Although I was not able to attend the New Year's Eve party at the club, Sandi and many other folks have shared with me that being aboard the HMS EYC for New Year's Eve made for a truly terrific evening! The gambling in the ship's casino (with script, of course), great food from the ship's galley, fun music and dancing in the ship's lounge, and the amazing decorations, all lent themselves to one very fine party. Our sincere thanks to Denise and Pat Vezetinski who captained the ship, and their super crew (Bob and Laurie Jacobson, reservations; Dan & Ann Walther, music and decorations; Sharon Croasdill, catering; Genie Potter, Judy Roller, and Wendy Carpenter, table decorations; Dave and Shirley Wilson, decorations and formal pictures; Dick Potter and Larry Carpenter, balloons; and F/C Rob Meldrum, Cruise Director) for their hard work in planning and carrying out a most memorable send-off to 2011!!

We also want to thank P/Cs Michael Forbis, Wally Croasdill, and Ernie Collins for preparing what we heard was a great spaghetti meal for January's TGIF. Sandi and I, V/C Gary and Ingrid Bruner, and R/C Jim and Colleen Welsh were not able to attend, and we owe a debt of gratitude to the three amigos, 'er PCs, for stepping up. With those guys in the kitchen, we knew that TGIF was in good hands!!

In case you're wondering why your Commodore, Vice Commodore, and Rear Commodore were not at TGIF, here's the scoop:

Each year in January, Queen City Yacht Club hosts a cruise-in at their Bainbridge outstation for the commodores and junior officers of the Grand XIV (for those who may not know the Grand XIV is a long-established association consisting of our own EYC and 13 other yacht clubs), where the junior officers get to roast their commodores. It's all in good fun and the tears of laughter produced by these roasts fall like Seattle rain! This year's roast was no exception! Sandi and I were treated to what we believe was the funniest and best prepared roast of the night (we bet you can guess the theme of it if you try real hard)!! Our humble and heartfelt thanks to the folks who made this happen: V/C Gary and Ingrid Bruner, P/C Michael and Leslie Forbis, Paul and Laurie King Harris, Tom Mohoric and Cheryl Culevski, and Denise Coleman. This was an evening we will treasure the memory of forever (and someday we'll get you all back)!!!

*Commodore Harry and First Mate Sandi*

## Vice Commodore Gary Bruner



### Ramblings from the Middle of the Quarterdeck.

Warm greetings from a snowbound Northwest. It is obvious the New Year has started out with a big bang. First, it was a sad day for two of our EYC members. Ingrid and I are heart sick over their loss. The shock is still with us. I know the club has rallied behind them in the troubled times and I personally wish them the best.

I will not dwell on the recent events of this past week, the snow, freezing rain, more snow, just plain freezing and the idiot drivers in my own neighborhood. Ingrid and I lived in Chicago during the three worst winters in recorded history, so for four days of snow and ice we reminisced about our not so fond memories of that time. Even though I am not a rain and dark sky person, I'll take that over snow. I still prefer Maui this time of year!

Next week at the general meeting we have a fun filled program. This includes inducting two new boats and their owners, (John and Anne Stannard on "Salt Chuck", Julie Keim and Gladys Gillis on "Namaste"), the Commodore roast video, and reminders about the Crab Feed and Auction. We have over 100 reservations so far. Please bring your procurement forms and/or the items to this meeting or the February TGIF). We also have the big project, the "Big Seattle Boat Show" booth that EYC will man this year. I am proud to say we have a full crew of staffers, 44+, volunteering for the booth. There will be more information available at the meeting.

Signup boards for club cruises, dinners, TGIF's and committees for the 2012-2013 will be available at our next meeting. Please look the boards over and sign up for your favorite event or committee.

Also, a special reminder to the club is my upcoming Commodore's cruise from July 21 to Aug 5 in Desolation Sound. There will be more information available Tuesday.

I look forward to a very busy 6 weeks of EYC events.

Until next month,

*Vice Commodore Gary and First Mate Ingrid*



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## Rear Commodore Jim Welsh

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Mid Year Update

Re: EYC Publications and Winter Moorage

Newsletter:

To date, all issues of the newsletter both the electronic and print versions have been sent to the membership. A special thanks to P/C Michael Forbis, editor of the newsletter, for his stewardship of this publication.

Currently, 33 printed versions are mailed monthly to members; while a significant majority our membership receives their newsletter electronically. Monthly printed copies are provided to the Port's marina office for boater distribution, as well as, a number of copies left for visitor distribution in the club's foyer.

Annual:

Work on the Annual features updating the membership information, keeping current the listed boater information, securing

advertisers, and overseeing the publication and distribution of the Annual.

A special thanks to Paul and Laurie Harris who spearhead this major effort.

The Publication Committee will meet in early March to coordinate the securing of advertiser for the 2012-2013 edition of the annual.

Reciprocal Slips/Winter Moorage:

I am pleased to inform the membership that after a very slow Fall in which the 3 slips available for winter moorage were mostly vacant, the EYC has secured two long term moorage agreements.

One lease agreement started January 1 and continues just prior to the Memorial Day Weekend as per EYC policy. The other agreement begins on February 1 and continues to the late May deadline.

Additionally, a current four month lease will terminate at the end of February. Hopefully, another tenant can be found so that all three of EYC's winter moorage slips are occupied for the spring.

Best Regards,

*Rear Commodore Jim Welsh and First Mate Colleen Welsh*

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## Fleet Captain Rob Meldrum

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### *Fleeting Notes*

We've all survived the first big snowfall of the year, and it's time to turn out thoughts to the coming warmer days! Our first cruise for 2012 will be our Sweethearts Cruise to Kingston, February 17-20. If you are coming over on your boat, call the Port of Kingston at 360-297-3545 right away to book your reservation. This year the Seattle Singles Yacht Club has chosen the same

weekend for a trip to Kingston and slips are first-come, first-served, with no group reservations.

Saturday's dinner will be Harry Duncan's famous spaghetti and meatballs with all the fixings. Happy Hour entertainment will be provided by the EYC band. After dinner we'll have game night with team games of Pictionary, Scrabble, and lots more.

On Sunday we will set up a crafting area in the Kingston Yacht Club so you can make a Valentine for your "Secret Sweetheart." That's right, we will give each Sunday Dinner attendee the name of another Yacht Club member and you will bring a special Valentine for them. Our crafting activity will help get your creative juices flowing. Because so many of our members like to use the ferry, we will have announcements for the ferry departures each night. Sunday's dinner will feature steaks cooked by Ron Coleman, followed by a romantic movie and sweet desserts.

For those staying on their boats on the dock we plan to have breakfast/brunch each morning at the KCYC.

Remember to go to the EYC website to get the latest schedule for our cruise calendar. Laurie King-Harris has set up Casual Cruises to Brownsville April 20-22, Opening Day on the log boom May 4-6, and Port Townsend June 8-11.

Our EYC formal cruises are: Daffodil Festival, April 14-15; Opening Day Weekend at Queen City Yacht Club May 4-6; Memorial Day Weekend at Port Orchard Yacht Club May 25-28; Independence Day at Fisherman's Bay July 4-8; the Commodore's Cruise July 21-August 5; Labor Day Cruise at Port Ludlow August 31-September 1.

I will be recruiting Cruise Captains during the next four weeks. If you're interested in volunteering, please e-mail me at [rob.meldrum@gmail.com](mailto:rob.meldrum@gmail.com).

A Regatta Committee meeting will be scheduled for early February to continue the planning process for these cruises, so please check your email for further announcements. Attendance at Regatta Committee meetings will allow you to provide input to the cruise calendar, so please plan on attending.

*Fleet Captain Rob Meldrum and First Mate Kelly*

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## Chaplain Shirley Wilson

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### TIME AND CHANCE

We rush to get places on time. We don't like to be late, but sometimes it's unavoidable. And sometimes arriving late can be life saving. That was the case for members of two families I know when they attended the Reno Air Races on September 16, 2011. Here are their stories:

Kenneth Hicks served in Viet Nam with the Air Force, and retired from Boeing as an Aircraft Mechanic at the end of last year. Needless to say he enjoys airplanes and his family shares his interest. Ken and his wife Carol, along with their daughter Melissa, were looking forward to a warm beautiful day at the popular Reno Air Races with their flying friends. Their reservations were for special box seats where they would be able to see every loop, roll, and maneuver of the old World War II era fighter planes. However, life intervened. As a result, they were running late that first day of the show. While they were rushing through lunch, they heard the news that there had been a horrible accident. A P-51 Mustang had spiraled suddenly out of control and plunged into the viewing area in front of the grandstands. It nosedived into the very box where the Hicks family would have been sitting had they been on time. Melissa expressed it this way: "Now I understand how it was for the people who went to get coffee just before 911."

Tex and Millie Salmon's son, Michael, has a similar story. He grew up in Edmonds and later taught school in Puyallup, but his real love was flying. He became a pilot, built his own airplane and learned aerobatics. After retirement he started teaching Special Education classes. He now volunteers at Fly-In's, allowing special needs kids to experience the fun of flying. Michael, too, would have been in a special box seat with his pilot friends who had invited him to Reno as their

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guest. But the group was delayed and while they were having a late lunch the crash happened.

This was the first accident at the Reno Air Races that involved spectators. A total of 11 died and 74 were injured. It is still to be determined whether the races will continue in future years. We are so happy that Michael and the Hicks family came home safely, but they all lost good friends. The vintage planes fly at high speeds and undergo tremendous stress; however, the pilots understand the risks they take for the love of flying.

I don't know why some were spared while others were lost at Reno last year. We never know what tomorrow will bring. It's been said that we should live each day as though it were our last and to keep a short account of wrongs. It says in Ecclesiastes 9:11-12, "...Time and chance happen to them all. For man also does not know his time." Every day, every minute, every breath truly is a gift from God. Let's be thankful for all that we have and especially for the gift of life.



***Our sincere condolences to David and Lorraine Seres on the passing of David's mother. His mother, Geneva, passed away on Jan 17th in Vermont. She was one week shy of 91. David and Lorraine were in Vermont with his mother since Christmas.***

***Happy to report that:***

***Leo Wasko is doing very well since his knee surgery in January.***

***Shirley Wilson is feeling great since she was discharged from Swedish Hospital and her irregular heartbeat is under control.***

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# Dock Talk

February is already upon us, we all made it through the cold December and January weather. Our members are seeking out different ways to cope with the Edmonds weather.

Steve and Susan Romei sought out warmth... spending two weeks over Christmas and New Years in Hawaii with eleven family members for a warm family get together.

Dick and Donna Robinson are getting ready to head out on a cruise to escape land and get back on the water... early.

Eric and Peggy Peterson are heading to Cabo for their search of sun.

While most head South, Najib and Diane Azar were spotted up on Whistler recently where they spent several weeks of staying in the cold and enjoying great skiing.

Finally as a way to enjoy the final days of winter, all interested skiers are invited to attend the second annual (non-club sanctioned) EYC ski day on Friday March 16th, at Stevens Pass (you don't have to be a skier, you can save the lunch tables). Last year, Ballard's, Metcalf's, and the Peterson's enjoyed. Clear your calendars for a fun day on the slopes with other EYC members. Contact Peggy Peterson if you are interested so she can arrange a lunch meeting place on the hill and possible carpooling. How about the Jones', Carpenter's, Jongard's, Azar's, Bower's, Kohl's, Martin's, and Croasdrill's, et al??? See you on the hill!!!

REMEMBER: The Dock Talk is YOUR part of the monthly newsletter where YOU get to tell, share, brag, or announce happenings in your life you wish to share with YOUR EYC family and friends. If YOU have a past or upcoming event, or an announcement, (or know of another member who is/has), let Peggy Peterson know and Dock Talk will present it to our club. We want to hear from YOU. Send to: [edmondsboating@hotmail.com](mailto:edmondsboating@hotmail.com)



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7 pm is dinner

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# FEBRUARY

Th	Feb 2	Women's Lunch
Th	Feb 9	Men's Lunch
Th	Feb 16	Board Meeting
Tu	Feb 28	General Meeting
Jan 27 - Feb 5		EYC at Boat Show!
Feb 17 - 20		President's Day Cruise

### Crab Feed and Auction!

S	Feb 25	CRABFEED!
S	Mar 10	Commodore's Ball

More information about cruises and events can be found on our EYC web site.