



May 2010



SYC's Opening Day!

**General Meeting
May 25, 2010**

**Grilled Marinated Flank Steak
with shallot mushroom sauce.**

*Caesar salad, french bread, smashed
garlic red potatoes with herb butter,
and peas &/or corn*

Dessert: *Cheesecake with
blueberry compote*

Catered by Ralph & Signe Olson

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(price includes drinks)

6:00 PM Social Hour

7:00 PM Dinner

8:00 PM Meeting

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Friday May 21st at 10 am.**

**Please call Vicki Forssell
to make your reservation:**

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Commodore Wally Croasdill



What a terrific weekend we just had at Opening Day. It was a very interesting week. I travel to and from work via the 520 highway and the 520 bridge. On Tuesday evening I noticed a few boats tied up to Dock Zero at Seattle Yacht Club, and a couple of boats anchored near Foster Island. Wednesday there were many more boats and even some from EYC tied to the docks at Queen City Yacht Club. Thursday when I went to the Men's Luncheon at SYC, Portage Bay had exploded and boats were everywhere. By

Friday, when Sharon and I went to a Grand 14 Officer Reception, we could have walked across the water from QCYC to SYC. Saturday morning we attended the Opening Ceremony at SYC where I represented EYC and the raising of the burgees from the various yacht clubs of the Pacific Northwest. Then it was off to finish decorating the Officer Boat and to enter the parade. In case you are unaware, the Opening Day event is the largest event of this type in the world. Quite impressive. I want to thank the other Edmonds Yacht Club Flag Officers and their spouses for attending and helping to represent the club in the parade. I think we did a fine job and you would all be proud of us. I also want to thank Don Mayfield and Mary Olson for their hospitality on Opening Day and for allowing us to be in the parade on their boat.

A big thank you also goes out to Ron and Denise Coleman for their time and expense of providing EYC with a host boat at the Queen City Yacht Club dock. Many members were able to attend during the weekend and were provided with fine food and drink.

A great big "Atta Boy" goes out to the Membership Committee and the Membership Drive barbecue. The result was 140 people attending the April General Meeting with eight First Readings. As the club grows it will be much more important for you to get your dinner reservations in by the Friday before the General Meeting Dinner. You do not want to take the chance and be left out. In consideration for the set-up people and the people who take the time to provide you with a great meal, please remember to do this.

Now that we have more storage than before, and the storage areas have been organized, please look around and make sure that you are not storing any of the EYC decorations at your house. We now have lots of room, and the individuals who take the time to decorate various events want to be able to have complete access to all of the materials.

Cruising time is here, and as soon as we clear out the wild and wacky weather we can all enjoy getting out on the water.

See you soon,
Commodore Wally Croasdill

Vice Commodore Michael Forbis



Our annual membership BBQ was a great success! Our BBQ team met many potential members and passed goodwill to all who dropped by. Thanks to all who helped out! We had eight First Readings at the April meeting, and one induction! So our little Yacht Club is growing just a bit! We all need to make a special effort to welcome our new members!

Opening Day was a big hit, but our club members were hammered by bad weather on the way home. Please give a special thanks to Coleman's for being our host boat, and the Mayfield/Olson team for providing the Officers' Boat for the parade. Leslie and I went to the Marine Room at Seattle Yacht Club for dinner on Friday night. The dinner was a delicious buffet and well worth the price. The club split up this year for Saturday dinner. Leslie and I saw several of our members at Tyee Yacht Club for their Steak Fry. I can say that all at my table said their steaks were great and this year we had real knives and forks!


Cinco de Mayo... Does it mean the 5th of May or just a wildly great time at EYC? The count was around 110 attendees. We even had several potential new members in attendance. I think this will be an even bigger event next year. Special thanks to all our crew, Lorie Jones, Idona Souther, Ralph and Signe Olson, Dave and Sandy Hertz, F/C Guy and Sheila DeRosa, and Mary (Margarita) Olson.

The Commodore's Cruise planning is just about complete. The dates are July 5th to July 12th and the cruise begins from Lopez Island. Please send me an email at forbism@verizon.net or call at 206-713-9590 ASAP as we need a boat count to book the moorage.

Boat maintenance tip: Check the water in your batteries and consider load testing them before the boating season. Battery terminals should also be cleaned & tightened. Bad batteries, cables, and connections lead to early starter & alternator failure. Save yourself time and money by checking your batteries!

Edmonds Yacht Club welcomes new members Rob and Kelly Meldrum. The Meldrums live in Edmonds, Kelly and Rob have


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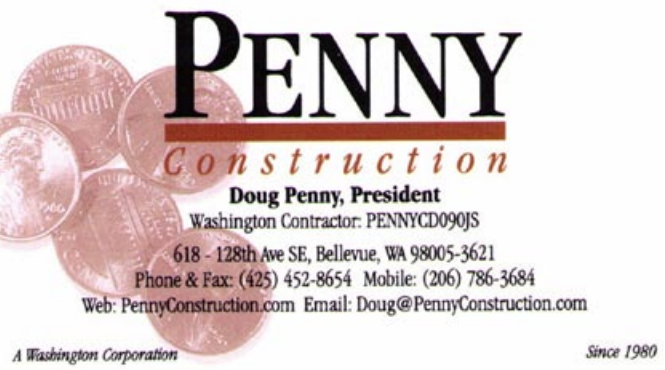
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Rear Commodore Harry Duncan



Following up with last month's article, the first EYC Nautical Rummage Sale and Craft Fair will be held on the patio at the clubhouse from 10:00-3:00 on Saturday, May 15th. We are looking for donations of all types of boating-related items, and this is the perfect opportunity to get rid of those nautical items you no longer need or want. We are also looking for handicraft donations for the

Craft Fair part of the event. Sales proceeds of all items will go towards club improvements. Please contact me or Metch Krzeszowski with your donations or questions.

Most of us will either remember or have heard of JFK's famous inaugural speech of January 20, 1961 in which he spoke those immortal words "Ask not what your country can do for you, but ask what you can do for your country." These words were meant to call all Americans to action for the good of the country—simply, to serve, rather than to be served.

I believe we can apply this same principle to our club. As the saying goes, "membership has its privileges," and privilege of membership in the EYC entitles us to the use of other clubs' reciprocal moorage, participate in formal club-sponsored and casual cruises, meet up with our fellow EYC friends and enjoy great dinners and TGIF get-togethers, attend special functions such as the annual Auction and Crab Feed, Commodore's Ball, New Year's Eve party, and the like. But along with the privileges of membership also go the responsibilities. When we took the oath of membership, each of us raised our right hand and promised to be an active participant in the activities of the club. To me that means not only getting out and enjoying those special events and functions the club offers, but it also means sometimes lending a hand with those things and/or with the club in general. As most of you can appreciate it takes a village to ensure the smooth running of this club and its activities. Many hands make light work, and if each of us would give up just a small amount of our time, roll up our shirt sleeves and pitch in to help with even one of the club's ongoing or short-term tasks or projects, it would mean lighter work for all.

So, what kinds of things can you do? Here are a few ideas, definitely not all inclusive, of things where volunteer support is always needed: Help set up or host a dinner meeting or TGIF, prepare a breakfast or clean up after dinner at a cruise, serve on any one of a number of committees, be a cruise captain or help plan a cruise or club event, consider serving on the Board or going through the chairs. Whether large or small projects, short-term or ongoing services or tasks, anything to which you contribute even just a little of your time and talent will be of immense value, greatly appreciated, & more than likely very rewarding.

So, there's no time like the present (to get involved), one good turn deserves another (you'll be better for it), and don't spit into the wind (huh?!)

Harry

EYC Welcomes New Members



Rob and Kelly Meldrum live in Edmonds, and have a 29' boat named *Miss Maui*. They both work at their State Farm Insurance company.

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Our awesome Officers—as seen from the log boom



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edmondsyachtclub@gmail.com—another general use e-mail that you might see around.



Fleet Captain Guy DeRosa



It's official! Welcome to the 2010 boating season! A big thanks to Captain Don Mayfield for the use of his boat in the parade. It was a nice day for Opening Day. I was happy to see some of our members out there on the water providing support as we passed through in the parade.

I would like to remind all members about the Memorial Day Cruise to Port Orchard which is always a lot of fun. The theme is "Go in' South" so be as creative as you like. Also the 4th of July Cruise is filling up fast for those prime spots on the dock so please get those reservations in. We will do the best we can to get everyone in there which might mean some rafting. Some will be anchoring. Either way, Ralph Olson and I are working to make this an awesome cruise so you don't want to miss out. Contact P/C Harold & Janice Shreve to make your reservation for both cruises.

Also check in with Laurie King-Harris about the Casual Cruises she has for those that just can't get enough boating.

If anyone is wanting information about any of our upcoming cruises please call me anytime @ 425-760-7168 or email me at tumbleweed.guy@gmail.com.

F/C Guy De Rosa

Fleet Chaplain Shirley Wilson

GRATITUDE ATTITUDE

"Do you have a gratitude attitude?" This question was asked by Archibald Hart, Ph.D. in an article in Christian Counseling Connection. He went on to explain, "There's a great deal of research these days examining the issue of gratitude. It appears that gratitude can be a very important enhancer of life and happiness, and it is also an important buffer against mental illness."

The idea that gratitude is a powerful healer was demonstrated in a university study where people suffering from a painful neuromuscular disorder were taught how to count their blessings by regularly keeping a record of things for which they could be grateful. Life is full of little things to be thankful for and these sufferers were taught how to recognize them. The result? They felt happier and emotionally more stable.

Isn't it interesting that gratefulness can be improved by practice? The obvious starting point is to begin to pay attention. The secret to building our 'gratitude attitude' is to pay more attention to the many blessings that come our way every day. It is also important to find a way to express our gratitude. It is not enough to just feel it; we must also share it with others. Sharing it helps you to remember it and also reminds others that they should be grateful also.

The Edmonds Yacht Club is a wonderful example of what a grateful attitude can accomplish. I believe we are all grateful for the talents and abilities of so many of our members who have worked diligently over the years to accomplish the miracle of our new building. That happened because of leaders who had a vision and never gave up working toward that goal. We are also grateful for those who work on cruises, produce our delicious dinners, and create all the wonderful events that take place here at the club. I believe there is an attitude of appreciation among our members, not only for our leadership, but also for those who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make it all work so smoothly.

Albert Schweitzer once said, "At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us." Those words remind me of an old song called, Pass It On. It goes like this, "It only takes a spark to keep a candle glowing. And soon all those around will warm up to it's glowing?" Thanks to all of you who have shared your light with us and kept the spark going. We are truly grateful.



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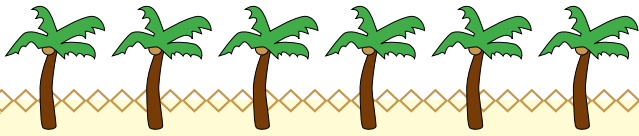
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July 2–5	Lopez Island, Indep. Day
July 6–18	Commodore's cruise
July 30–Aug 1	Bell Harbor CC*
Aug 20–22	Poulsbo CC*
Sept 3–6	Pt. Ludlow, Labor Day
Sept 17-19	Brownsville CC*

*CC = Casual (no-host) Cruise

More cruise information can be found under the *Cruises* link at www.edmondsyachtclub.com.




The EYC section of the log boom—as seen from our Officer boat

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Please do not leave Vicki a voice-mail regarding reservation changes on General Meeting day (Tuesday)—she will not be able to retrieve those messages until after the meeting.

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Norma Sola-Pierce wanted to share this with you all...

British Columbia Boating Requirements

In an article in *Nor'westing* magazine dated October 7–November 4, 2009, a former Port tenant made the news. While boating in Poets Cove their kids chose to run the dinghy for a sunset cruise. Soon after, Mom and Dad saw a patrol boat head in that direction. Coincidence? Blue lights were flashing and the kids were saddled up next to the patrol boat. Their daughter, who was 14 yrs old, was at the helm being questioned by officials. As the adults joined the flotilla they were relieved to find out only a warning would be issued for not having the proper safety equipment on board the dinghy. There is a new law in BC that requires (in addition to PFDs and a bailing device) a buoyant 50 foot heaving line with float, a sound device (whistle) and a waterproof flashlight in all vessels even kayaks. The officials stated they were issuing warnings in 2009 but citations would be written in 2010. On top of this they did not have their boater's license or safety cards. Good news—If you are in BC waters less than 45 days it is not a requirement to have a BC license.

All in all this turned out to be a lesson for all involved. They took their warning to Capitol Iron in Sidney and exchanged it for a free safety kit which included all the necessary items. The next day the kids went online and successfully completed their boater safety education and received their Washington State Boater card. Take time to make sure you have what you need on board, get a free vessel safety check through the Coast Guard Auxiliary.



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Dock Talk by ???

Here's a few tidbits from around the dock:

Dan & Ann Walthers recently spent about a month in Australia and then boarded a cruise ship for a tour around Australia. What a wonderful trip it must have been.

Pete and Rose Mary Collins spent three weeks in Hawaii on the Island of Kauai where they have a timeshare.

Larry and Wendy Carpenter recently spent a week in Honolulu, I think, for a State Farm convention.

Speaking of Hawaii, has anyone seen Leo & Joanie Wasko??? Didn't they go to Maui in February? I wonder if they are coming back or not!

Christel & Paul Osterstom recently spent a week in Paris.

Vicki Forssell has a niece that graduated in May from Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa, Idaho.

I guess that's it for this month.

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Vice Commodore Michael Forbis, *continued*

a State Farm Insurance Agency, and have a 29 foot power boat named buffet and was Miss Maui. They were inducted in April and attended Opening Day with their boat. At the April meeting there were First Readings by;

Dennis and Kathy Gustafson, Everett
Dick and Carol Kohl, Edmonds
Mark and Ruthie Scott, Bothell
Dick and Donna Robinson, Edmonds
Steve and Barbara Hensley, Shoreline
Ian and Lisa Sale, Edmonds
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Vice Commodore Michael Forbis

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- Th **May 20** Board Meeting
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