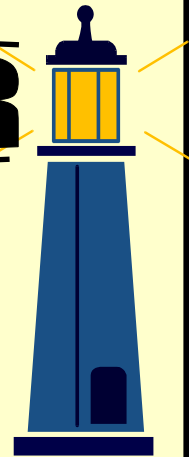


HIDDEN HARBOR



FEB 2024

Spring is in the Air!

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Book your slips now!

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Slips for Events

It appears that more and more folks
are getting into boating.

Slips are filling up faster than before.

If you are planning to attend
any of the events

We recommend booking now and be aware
of their cancellation policy!

And

Speaking of which

Be sure to sign up early for the events

online at HHYCSeattle.com

Hosts will need head counts for planning
purposes.

Commodores Column



Greetings to all HHYC Members!

Welcome to February! The days are getting longer! Sunsets are occurring after 5PM for the first time since November 4th (adjusted for DST). The boat show is happening this weekend, and I hope everyone had a nice and non-recurring Groundhog Day!

Well, I have completed my first month as your commodore and it has been busy. We've had two in-person meetings with the member meeting on the 9th and then our board meeting on the 27th. I know others have said this and feel the same, but it really has been very nice to get back to in-person meetings. The last few years on Zoom has given me a whole new appreciation for them.

With this month's newsletter you will notice some changes.

The first being the addition of the Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore columns. We feel the addition of these is a way to better know your Bridge and their insights for the club's future. We're also considering adding additional columns for the appointed positions in the coming months. You will also

notice the addition of the meeting minutes from the prior month.

Action items from the board Meeting:

1 . Finance/Treasurer:

The club's checking account has been updated. The old signers were removed, and new signers Dave, Wendy, and Terry have been added. After this year, only the Treasurer and Secretary will have signing authority which will greatly minimize the task of managing signature cards.

2. Post Office Box location:

After in-depth discussion it was agreed to try a Virtual PO Box. We decided to do this on a 6-month trial basis to see if it will meet all our requirements. The advantages include convenience and flexibility for the Treasurer, Secretary and Commodore as the members change roles. I'm working with Wendy & Terry to get this set up.

3. Club Rendezvous Guide:

Budget guidelines on new trial basis: Many suggestions were given but, in the end, ***it was decided that we need to make the guidelines as simple as possible to encourage volunteers to host.*** The following are the new guidelines to follow.

We've decided on a standard charge for each rendezvous.

1. For a 3-day rendezvous, hosts will charge a fee of \$35 per person.
2. For a 4-day rendezvous, hosts will charge a fee of \$40 per person.
3. Hosts will have a budget amount based off (\$35 or \$45 times # of people).
4. The fee should be paid online before the rendezvous, this way hosts will not have to collect money.
5. Slip reservations paid at the beginning of the year by the Commodore will not be included in rendezvous budgets.
6. The venue and rental equipment will be paid for by the club but must be submitted to Commodore for approval.
7. Overage on budgets can be reimbursed by club within reason (~500 cap).
8. Handling cancellations and visibility as to who has paid for the rendezvous is still in the works. No decision at this time, more discussion needed.

4. New member recruitment: Jeremy, Paul, and Terry will develop a strategy for new member recruitment. Jeremy will create a business card for distribution. We also discussed restoring an old Facebook page.

5. Member pictures in the membership roster: Paul is looking into this to see if it is possible.

6. Health and Welfare topic: The club will contribute \$250 to Ray Carpenter's GoFundMe to help with his fight and rehabilitation from brain cancer. Ray is a dear friend of HHYC and is the Harbor Master at Kingston Marina.

7. Cost to increase website storage capacity: We're working to understand that if we don't increase storage how long it will take for web host to restore the site, and what version was saved. Website security is also an issue, should sign-ups be protected, or should we remove last names from unprotected sites, this way folks do not have visibility of people's schedule. More to come on this.

As you can see, it's been a busy month working to get the club ready for spring and boating season!

But our cruising plans and schedules are set, reservations are made, and the Fleet Captains committee has been meeting regularly and have put together some fun non-cruising events in between our cruises.

Bottomline is that it doesn't appear that we'll be lacking for things to do!

Have fun planning everyone. Looking forward to spring

Best regards to you all!
Dave



Vice Commodores Corner - Jeremy Hardy

Ahoy, I am thrilled to be part of the HHYC Bridge 2024! Thank you for your confidence. The following is a bit of my story leaving out all the tawdry stuff. Some of my earliest memories are sailing with my Dad and older brother in New York in a nine-foot dinghy called a Penguin. I was so small that I couldn't see over the sides. I have vivid memories of how much I hated wearing those incredibly uncomfortable orange life preservers. We eventually purchased a thirty-two-foot wooden ketch that we sailed on the Hudson River and cruised Long Island Sound. The sight of New York City, lighting up on an August evening while lying on the cabin roof eating kraft caramels listening to "What goes up" by Blood Sweat and Tears on my AM radio will never fade.

While my parents would be having cocktails while the ketch was riding the hook, I would set the mast and lee boards and sail that little dinghy, using the oar as the tiller and rudder, cooking up my own adventures. When we moved from New York to Boston my Dad and I sailed her up to her new home in Hingham, Mass. There I started racing a nine-foot sailboat called a Turnabout with a main and a tiny spinnaker. I went on to race eventually earning a place racing 420's in the World's in Holland in 1975.

I've always had a boat. The peace that I found sailing could not be found anywhere else. I think the demands of the minute-to-minute challenges of maximizing performance were enough to immediately relieve stresses from life on the hard. I've done some offshore cruising including sailing a 27' sloop with two fellas from Olympia to Monterey. Tiah and I started out sailing together on a Sweden 36 moving to a recession sailboat shared between three families. Then we had a Catalina 27 with another family for about five years. And then, we went to the dark side. By the way, the key to the tawdry stuff is one Saffire Martini.

To be continued in March!

Rear Commodores Corner - Satch Ludington

A college girlfriend taught me how to sail on a Sunfish. Although the tug of the wind was exciting, it wasn't powerful enough to pull me away from a lifetime of study, work, and raising kids, although I did manage to crew on other people's sailboats a few times through the years on Lake Michigan, Chesapeake Bay, and the Florida coast.

A few years ago, with an empty nest and closer to retirement, I found myself in Yakima with Marilyn and was asked by an old friend to join a boat club there. Boat club? We had no boat, but we joined anyway and wound up owning a 23' San Juan sailboat three days after initiation. We loved sailing her on Rimrock Lake for the next few seasons and during that time also fell in love with boating in general and yacht club tradition.

After a couple of truncated boating seasons on Rimrock due to wildfire and drought, Marilyn saw a 34' CHB trawler on Facebook Marketplace that came with an assumable slip under the University Bridge on Lake Union. We couldn't resist the prospect of boating year-round, combined with the fact that it was about a mile from where my daughter lived in Seattle, so we bought her and became power boaters.

Naturally, we had to find a yacht club to join in Seattle. Every time we walked across the University Bridge, I noticed a black and yellow burgee with two 'H's on it hanging almost at eye level off the spreader of a sailboat on the water below. I looked up that burgee on the web, found the HHYC website, and the rest is history. Although we still live in Yakima, Marilyn and I are both retired now and have been cruising that trawler regularly on the sound for two or three years, and almost exclusively with HHYC last year. Unfortunately, the San Juan 23 has taken to the back yard on the hard. Want to buy a sailboat?

Satch Ludington

Membership and Newsletter - Paul Quinn

Long overdue, we are beginning the process of redesigning the format of the newsletter that has been used since I took it over in 2012 or 2013. Long time ago! Too Long ago! You will notice some changes., less color, no more jokes, etc!

As we work through the process if you have any suggestions or idea, please feel free to contact me at

[Paul Quinn](#)

Please welcome our newest members
Rebecca and Chuck Perry
from Bremerton. They have a 45' sailboat and plan to do some cruising this summer with the club.

We had 6 membership not renew for last year so we have a total membership of 55 with 10 of those being lifetime members. We

In the next two weeks I will be finishing up the roster booklet for 2024. Please check your information and send it to me as soon as possible.

Looking forward to a great 2024 boating season with HHYC

Paul

Birthdays

February

- 4 - Belinda Macauley
- 8 - Al Herrensperger
- 9 - Judy Templeman
- 20 - Eileen Hall
- 21 - Kristen Amrine
Terry Fantz
- 28 - Dave Hoffman

Board Meetings Schedule

4:40 PM

- Jan 27
- April 13
- June 8
- September 28
- November 23

Dukes Seafood
1111 Fairview Ave. N,
Seattle, WA

Zoom Meeting Schedule

Will be held on the
Second Tuesday of the
following months.

- February
- April
- June
- October
- November

They will begin at 6:00 PM

[Click this Link
to Join](#)

In Person Meeting Schedule

Will be held on the
Second Tuesday of the
following months.

- March
- May
- September
- December

They will begin at 4:30 PM
at

Dukes Seafood
1111 Fairview Ave. N,
Seattle, WA

JANUARY

Zoom Meeting Highlights

Commodore – 2024 Commodore Dave Hoffman, called the meeting to order. He introduced the new Bridge: Commodore Dave Hoffman, Vice Commodore, Jeremy Hardy, Rear Commodore Satch Luddington. In addition, he introduced the positions for 2024, Treasurer Wendy Rittereiser, Communication: John Keene, Fleet Captain & Secretary: Terry Fantz, Safety Steve Kaimmer, Website: Jill Lehman, Newsletter & Membership: Paul Quinn, Health & Welfare, Clothing, & Award positions are still open. 2024 Board members: the Bridge plus Vic Portolese, Dane Fantz, Jill Lehman, Paul Quinn, Dennis Kroeger, Larry Parrett
Dave also recognized Suzy Hoffman, Tiah Holt & Marilyn Vancrey as key members that contribute significantly to the 2024 Bridge.

Going forward Dave would like to add a few new items to the agenda.

1st, we will read minute highlights from the previous month

2nd we will have in person meetings every other month

3rd we will have a separate board meeting to expedite votes for process improvements

4th attendees of the in-person meetings will be included in a drawing for a prize.

Treasurer – Introducing a new treasurer, Wendy Rittereiser. She would like to recognize Brenda Kooyman for all her work, passing on her knowledge as Treasurer. Wendy has automated and updated the process.

To date the account has \$16,063 (Beginning balance \$15,120 + 943 in renewals). Wendy and Dave are working on PO Box location to be convenient for current and future members as roles change.

Health & Welfare: This is currently an open position. Commodore Dave mentioned one of our favorite marina employees at Kingston who has always given us exceptional service and is battling brain cancer. Dave would like to send a club donation with wishes for him. Many of us will also send in a personal donation. He has a [Go Fund Me page](#).

Website – Jill was not able to attend. Dave will be working with Jill to add more to our website. One item will be information on the Commodores Cruise. Suzy has been working with the marinas to schedule dates, times, and other information.

Satch mentioned the ability to embed the HHYC calendar into your calendar. Terry will put together a document to show you how.

Please continue to use the website to sign up for events in 2024.

Newsletter – Dave will be working with Paul to talk about some possible additions to the newsletter. Perhaps a “Minute Highlight” column, a section for Vice and Rear Commodore columns.

Safety – Steve was not able to attend. General talks were about the cold and the impact to the boats. Also talked about uninvited friends getting into the boats.

Awards – None at this time.

JANUARY Zoom Meeting Highlights (Cont'd)

Clothing – Terry will work with John for a temporary solution.

Fleet Captain Event – Terry has been working with a team to create a new agenda for Fleet Events. We have a notional list of events which we will send out and ask for feedback. A complete list will be ready at the end of January. Fleet captain events are not hosted, they are facilitated. They usually don't cook or shop.

Events: The Commodores Cruise is not a rendezvous; it is just a cruise. Folks can pick and choose what marina they would like to attend. You can go on the entire cruise or jump in and out per your itinerary. Suzy has done a lot of work to find out the process for each marina so be sure and use her document for your reservations. Slips are not reserved; it is your responsibility to call and make reservations. This detailed information will be posted on the website.

All events: since the marinas have different processes for reservations be sure and pay close attention to the rendezvous itinerary, they provide the details on the reservation process. For example, the Gig Harbor marina wants reservations 2 months ahead.

Please note the March rendezvous has changed location and date. You will be able to find all the information on the website, the newsletter and John's announcements.

Next Event: Bell Harbor in March, call and make your reservation today.

New Business: Board meeting Jan 27th. Dave will address many items at this meeting including new member recruiting, guidelines for rendezvous ...

Just a quick side note

Marinas are filling up
sooner than expected
for the 2024 season!

Book early
and make sure you
understand the cancellation policy for each marina.

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Vice Commodore	Jeremy Hardy
Rear Commodore	Satch Ludington

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Treasurer	Wendy Rittereiser
Secretary	Terry Fantz
Fleet Captain	Suzy Hoffman Committee Chair

2024 Board Members
P/C Dane Fantz
Jill Lehman
P/C Dennis Kroeger
P/C Larry Parrett
P/C Vic Portolese
P/C Paul Quinn

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2024	APPOINTEES
Clothing	Terry Fantz & John Keene
Health & Welfare	
Membership	P/C Paul Quinn
Newsletter	P/C Paul Quinn
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Website	Jill Lehman
Communications	John Keene

**Hidden Harbor
has a new address**

**Harbor Yacht Club
2226 Eastlake Ave E #1013
Seattle, WA 98102**

HHYachtClub@gmail.com

Non Hosted Events 2024

Several events throughout the year that are not officially organized by the club, but you can usually find HHYC members gathered.

- May 3 - 5** Opening Day of Boating Season. Look for the group in Union Bay or at QCYC or SYC.
- July 3 - 4** Fireworks Pending
- Aug 4- 6** Sea Fair Weekend.
- Aug 10** 11th Annual Kitsap Wine Festival - Bremerton Marina.
- Oct 7 - 8** Shelton Oysterfest
Shelton Yacht Club

2024 Meetings Calander

JAN 9	Meeting (In Person)	General Membership Meeting 4:30 PM	Dukes Seafood 111 Fairview Ave N Seattle, WA	Dave Hoffman
JAN 27	Meeting	Board Meeting 4:30 PM	Dukes Seafood 111 Fairview Ave N Seattle, WA	Dave Hoffman
FEB 13	Meeting	General Membership Meeting 6:00 PM	Zoom Meeting	Dave Hoffman
MAR 12	Meeting In Person	General Membership Meeting 4:30 PM	Dukes Seafood 111 Fairview Ave N Seattle, WA	Dave Hoffman
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MAY 14	Meeting In Person	General Membership Meeting 4:30 PM	Dukes Seafood 111 Fairview Ave N Seattle, WA	Dave Hoffman
JUN 8	Meeting	Board Meeting 4:30 PM	Dukes Seafood 111 Fairview Ave N Seattle, WA	Dave Hoffman
JUN 11	Meeting	General Membership Meeting 6:00 PM	Zoom Meeting	Dave Hoffman
SEP 10	Meeting (In Person)	General Membership Meeting 4:30 PM	Dukes Seafood 111 Fairview Ave N Seattle, WA	Dave Hoffman
SEP 28	Meeting	Board Meeting 4:30PM	Dukes Seafood 111 Fairview Ave N Seattle, WA	Dave Hoffman
OCT 8	Meeting	General Membership Meeting 6:00 PM	Zoom Meeting	Dave Hoffman
NOV 12	Meeting	General Membership Meeting 6:00 PM	Zoom Meeting	Dave Hoffman
NOV 23	Meeting	Board Meeting 4:30PM	Dukes Seafood 111 Fairview Ave N Seattle, WA	Dave Hoffman
DEC 10	Meeting (In Person)	Board Meeting Members Welcome 4:30 PM	Dukes Seafood 111 Fairview Ave N Seattle, WA	Dave Hoffman

2024 CCRUISE CALENDAR

Date	Event /Theme	Title	Location	Host /Co Host
March 22-24	Cruise	St Paddy's Day	Bell Harbor Marina	Dave & Suzy
April 26-28	Cruise	Gig Harbor	Arabella's Marina	Steve & Wendy
May 17th-19th	Cruise	Celebrating Opening Boating Season Kingston Marina	Port of Kingston Marina	Vic & Kari
June 28-30	Cruise	Bremerton Bridge Blast	Port of Bremerton Marina	Paul & Patty
July 8-July 20	Cruise San Juan Islands & Canada	Commodores Cruise Non Hosted	Marina services	Marina Phone #'s
	7/8/2024	Oak Harbor Marina	Fuel & Guest Moorage	360-279-4575
	7/9/2024	La Conner Marina	Fuel & Guest Moorage	360-466-3118
	7/10-7/11/24	Lopez Island Marina	Fuel Gas & Diesel, Guest Moorage, Anchoring	360-468-2233
	7/12-7/13/24	Roche Harbor Marina	Fuel & Guest Moorage, anchoring	360-378-2082 VHF Channel 78a
	7/14-7/15/24	Port of Sidney Marina	Guest Moorage,	250-655-3711 VHS Channel 66a
	7/16-7/17/24	Maple Bay Marina	Guest Moorage & Fuel	250-746-8482
	7/18-7/19/24	Ganges Marina on Salt Springs Island Salt Spring Marina on Salt Springs Island	Guest Moorage, Fuel Gas & Diesel VHS Channel 66 A {Both Marinas)	250-537-5242 250-537-5810
	7/20/2024	Port of Friday Harbor	Fuel & Guest Moorage , anchoring	360-378-2688 VHF Channel 66a
August 22-25th	Crab Derby	Everett Marina Music	Everett Booked	Satch & Marilyn
September 6th - 8th	End of Summer Cruise	Port Ludlow	Port Ludlow	Dennis & Brynn
October	Oyster Fest ??? TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

Make your guest moorage reservations early as possible!