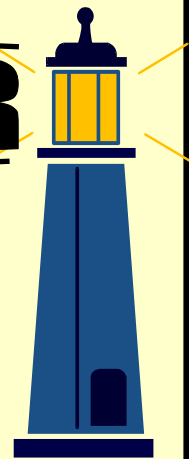


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May 2024

Spring is in the Air!

ISSUE 5

OPENING DAY May 3 -5 @ SYC & QCYC

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Welcome New Members

Jeff and Ivette Panioto

Traveling to Canada?

Get your Customs sticker early. There have been reports of delays in their mailings of up to 8 weeks.

The website is : dtops.cbp.dhs.gov
Their Printed receipt is good for 60 days

Join us for any and all of the upcoming Events!

May 17 -19

Kingston Rendezvous

Watch for more details but
There will be informal dinner with the Kingston Cove Yacht Club
Trivia night, Karaoke and
more details to follow.

General Membership Meeting

May 14, 2024 4:30 PM

NEW LOCATION

RAZZiS Pizzeria
8523 Greenwood Ave N
Seattle WA 98103

Commodore's Column



Greetings to all HHYC Members! Welcome to May everyone! The much-anticipated Opening Day of Boating Season is finally here and therefore, (for me anyway) summer cruising season has arrived. This event has been celebrated for well over a century. The history of Opening Day per SYC's website:

The Elliott Bay Yacht Club first used the term, "Opening Day Celebration," on May 1, 1909, when it held three sail races. (The Elliott Bay Yacht Club and the Seattle Yacht Club merged in October that year.) Also in 1909, SYC Commodore H.W. Goucher promoted a "Potlatch Parade" of yachts as a featured event of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific (AYP) Exposition. The Seattle Yacht Club was the official host for boaters during the Exposition. Visiting yachtsmen and national dignitaries enjoyed the hospitality and camaraderie of fellow boaters as they gathered in the SYC Clubhouse, built on pilings just

south of the West Seattle ferry landing. This extravaganza turned out to be one of the highlights of the Exposition, and many historians consider it the first Opening Day. SYC members met on April 20, 1911, to plan for April 29, the 1911 Opening Day. Many Club boats were on display, flags flew at the docks or as they cruised nearby, and bands performed during the afternoon. There were powerboat, sailboat, and dinghy races.

To this day, Seattle Yacht Club continues to play a pivotal role in hosting this storied tradition of which, I will once again represent the Hidden Harbor Yacht Club in the Commissioning Ceremony on the SYC lawn Saturday morning. If you haven't attended before, (and not just because I am participating) I highly encourage you to come experience it!

We just completed our second Rendezvous event for 2024 in Gig Harbor last weekend. It was a huge success with 11 boats. A lot of thanks go out to the hosts Steve and Wendy Rittereiser.

Friday night began with a visit to Heritage Distilling Company for Pizza and hand-crafted cocktails. Saturday, brunch was at the famous Tides Tavern, and then on to a lot of tropical attire to be

seen at Margaritaville/Cheeseburger in Paradise Night in the Net Shed. Many thanks to Steve and Bart for manning the grill for some great tasting burgers. The rest of us provided the potluck side dishes. I really have to say, the food selection was fabulous! After dinner, there was a rousing rendition of "Happy Birthday" for the birthday girl, Brynn Sheridan and She was kind enough to share some of her cake with us. All of this was a great set-up for an interesting version of Charades! And then to close the night, Tom Wilson shared some great early Hidden Harbor Yacht Club trivia. Again, many thanks to Steve and Wendy and all that attended a truly great event.

Our first post Opening Day cruise will be "Celebrate Opening Day in Kingston" on May 17th. Kingston is one of HHYC's favorite places and it just so happens that we're one of the Kingston Yacht Clubs' favorite clubs! Please note that there is a change of venue for our next member meeting on May 14th. We are transitioning from seafood to Italian cuisine in-person at RAZZI'S Pizzeria at their 8523 Greenwood Ave North location.

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Commodore's Column Continues

The website calendar will be updated accordingly. We really want to encourage everyone to attend when possible. Especially considering that our online Zoom attendance numbers have continued to decline.

Some highlights from the board meeting:

Update on Rendezvous Guidelines, specifically the cancellation policy.

Cancellation 72 hours receives full refund or credit for next event.

Notification for illness 24 hours (5PM day before) full refund or credit for next event

All other cancellations less than 72 hours will have a \$10 reduction in refund or full credit for the next event. (To help offset costs already incurred by hosts)

No notification, no show, no refund.

The board has decided that we would like to resurrect our Facebook page. The goal of the page is to encourage membership and send the message to "Join the Fun." Satch has agreed to be the moderator for the page. We need to decide security on groups, pages, and guidelines. Satch will start by reviewing and revising these guidelines and

make recommendations for HHYC. More updates to come.

Jeremy talked about how we can attract younger people through Instagram. We are looking for a sub-committee with younger folks who can assist in getting us up to speed on Instagram. Satch will also investigate how Instagram and Facebook can interact with each other.

We would like to ask for volunteers for a nominating committee for future bridge member candidates at the General meeting May 14th. More to come on that.

Jeremy brought in HHYC business cards which he distributed to Board members. This is a great first step in recruiting members. Now we have cards to help us recruit thanks to Jeremy.

Commodore's Ball: it was decided that the beginning of November is still the best time to have the Ball. Dave will be investigating different venues for this event.

Commodore's Cruise update: Prior to going into Canada, you must have a DTOPS sticker, so go online and get that ASAP. When returning to the US without having this, you will be subject to penalties.

Remember everyone, HHYC is "Your Club"! We all have a vested ownership in its future and a very vested interest in its future. I encourage everyone to please participate in any way you are able. The clubs continued viability depends on it!

Lastly, I am very proud to serve as your Commodore. Along with the help of the board members, Suzy and I are working hard on improving the structure and leadership of the club for the future and will very much depend on all of you to help be a part of this effort.

Really looking forward to summer cruising with you all!

Regards,
Dave



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**Vice Commodore's Corner
Jeremy Hardy**

Opening Day is just about here! We will be there by 8am to see what there is to see and, of course, to support our own Commodore Dave. Okay, and even though I've been a boat owner in Seattle since 1987, I've avoided the craziness of Opening Day and have no idea what actually happens. This year that all changes. Hope to see you there.

As far as our own boat drama goes, at long last, she is in the water with two engines. The running part is still in the works but we have been assured that we will be able to make the Kingston rendezvous. We drove to Arabella's Landing Marina for last Saturday's Board meeting which was productive and inspiring.

One of the greatest challenges that faces Hidden Harbor Yacht Club is the recruitment of new members. Tiah and I were introduced to HHYC by Dane and Terry immediately following a landing of epic horror at Poulsbo in 2021. As new power boat owners, we had no community and they introduced themselves and HHYC. That is the way it is done. I think we need to follow suit and introduce ourselves when out and about. To that end we have a large banner for a boat to display during rendezvous as well as new business cards with the contact info for HHYC to share. I have 500 cards so please take a handful. We are also working on social media ideas including Instagram and FB and are open to any and all suggestions.

See you on the water!



**Rear Commodore's Corner
Satch Ludington**

Cruises are the best part of our club, and last weekend at Gig Harbor was no exception. Although the weather wasn't so friendly, our members were, and we had a full house! All reserved slips were taken, and some even cruised on board with other members or came by car. We had a lot of fun with our existing HHYC friends and made new ones.

It was our pleasure to meet P/C Tom and Barbara Wilson for the first time on this rendezvous. Being relatively new to the club, it was both fascinating and humbling to me to learn from Tom how the current roles and responsibilities of the Bridge officers evolved in the days when he was on the Bridge. I am told that my own responsibilities with respect to reciprocity harken back to that time.

For those of you who do not know, your Rear Commodore is responsible for reciprocity. That is, the privilege of unscheduled guest moorage at other yachting clubs with which we have an agreement to share moorage privileges. Many of you may even have joined Hidden Harbor merely for the reciprocity privileges. I admit that I did, but have since discovered the greater joy of our members and cruising with them.

One thing that has changed considerably with respect to reciprocity in recent years is how it is established, maintained, and used by members. In the US and Canada west coasts, yacht club reciprocity is now managed almost exclusively

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by an online service found on the internet at yachtdestinations.org. If you have not yet established an account on that website, you should do so.

It contains all the information needed to find reciprocal moorage and determine its requirements, costs, marina location, etc. It is comprehensive.

When an account is established at yachtdestinations.org, the system will ask you what yacht club you belong to. If you belong to more than one yacht club, you will have to establish a separate account for each one, but for your HHYC account, it will list all yacht clubs on the west coast and indicate whether or not we have a reciprocal agreement with each. There is even a map that can be browsed to look for them.

Early this year, it was my job to update and request agreements with any clubs with which reciprocity was either not established or expired. That had been done, and there are but a few that do not have agreements with HHYC. I will warn you that there are some clubs that have inordinately high liability insurance requirements, primarily those in Canada, but I learned some interesting techniques at the Gig Harbor rendezvous, that will go unwritten, for addressing those.

Regardless of how it is implemented, reciprocity is one of the most important and desirable benefits of yacht club membership for active cruisers. It can drastically lower the cost of moorage and encourage cruising to parts unknown. If you haven't taken advantage of the privilege yet, give it a try and see if it works for you. If not, or if you discover a glitch in the database, or if there is a club with which we do not have reciprocity that you would like to add, don't hesitate to let me know.

Fair winds and following seas,

Satch Ludington

Membership and Newsletter

In April we added new members, **Jeff and Ivette Panioto**.

Jeff and Ivette live on Fox Island and have a 48' Sea Ranger Trawler. They look forward to cruising with us this summer and we welcome them to the Club. They did drop into Gig Harbor for our event on Friday night and met some of our members. Be sure to introduce yourself if you see them out boating.

Just a reminder that if you have a slip for the Bremeron Bridge Blast and will be unable to attend, please call Paul Quinn, 206 719-7199 and let me know. We have several people on the waitlist, and I will coordinate with the marina.

Also the Blue Links of Page 15 will send an email directly to that person.

Blue Skies
Paul



Greetings HHYC members,

Please join us for the last in person meeting before the summer cruising season begins at a **new location!** Great time to discuss all our fun plans for the summer & enjoy good food!

**We will be meeting RAZZiS Pizzeria at their Greenwood location:
4:30PM**

**8523 Greenwood Ave N.
Seattle WA 98103**

They have a **nice big private banquet room** for us that will be more accommodating for our fun group with great food!

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Notes on Upcoming events

June 28 - 30 Bremerton Bridge Blast

This event normally uses all our reserved slips in the past
And have had a waiting list.

All Slips Taken

IF you need to cancel or get on a waiting list
for one of the HHYC Slips
call Paul Quinn 206-719-7199

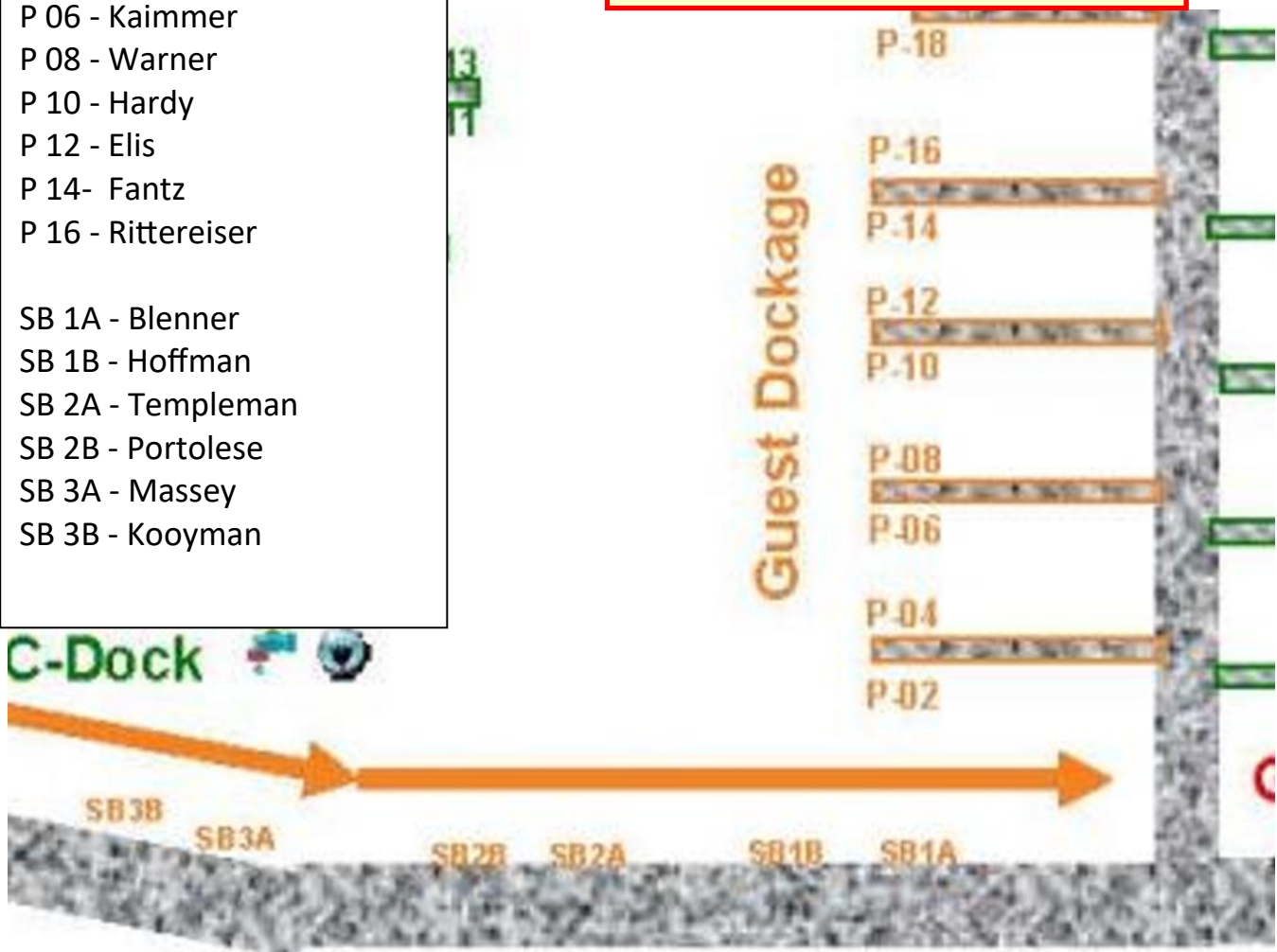
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P 12 - Elis
P 14- Fantz
P 16 - Rittreiser

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SB 2A - Templeman
SB 2B - Portolese
SB 3A - Massey
SB 3B - Kooyman

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Birthdays

APRIL

5 - Brad Schultz
12 - Carolynn Rolstad
16 - Brenda Kooyman



Board Member Meetings Schedule 4:30 PM

April 20
September 21
November 23

RAZZiS Pizzeria
8523 Greenwood Ave N.
Seattle WA 98103

General Membership Zoom Meeting Schedule

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

June 11
October 8
November 12

They will begin at 6:00 PM

[Click this Link
to Join](#)

General Membership In Person Meeting Schedule

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

May 14
September 10
December 10

They will begin at 4:30 PM
at

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Thank you Wendy and Steve for a great Event!!!











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<u>Past Commodore</u>	Larry Parrett

2024	OFFICERS
<u>Treasurer</u>	Wendy Rittereiser
<u>Secretary</u>	Terry Fantz
<u>Fleet Captain</u>	Suzy Hoffman Committee Chair

2024 <u>Board Members</u>
P/C Dane Fantz
Jill Lehman
P/C Dennis Kroeger
P/C Vic Portolese
P/C Paul Quinn

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2024	APPOINTEES
<u>Clothing</u>	Satch Ludington John Keene
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<u>Membership</u>	P/C Paul Quinn
<u>Newsletter</u>	P/C Paul Quinn
<u>Safety</u>	P/C Steve Kaimmer
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<u>Communications</u>	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 2- 4 Sea Fair Weekend.

Aug 10 11th Annual Kitsap Wine Festival - Bremerton Marina.

Oct 5 - 7 Shelton Oysterfest
Shelton Yacht Club

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	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
August 22-25th	Crab Derby	Everett Marina	Everett Marina	Satch & Marilyn
September 6th - 8th	End of Summer Cruise	Port Ludlow	Port Ludlow	Dennis & Brynn
October 4th -6th	Oyster Fest ??? TBD	Shelton	Shelton	No Host