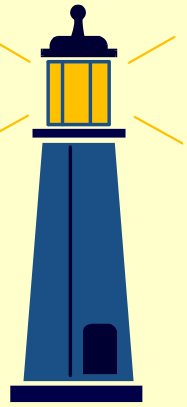


# HIDDEN HARBOR



Here's to Another Year of Great Boating

FEB 2025

**Boating Season Begins**

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next week.

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those  
not renewing.

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## Commodore's Column



Quickly moving from piney scented wreaths to dark red hearts and chocolate, we are lumbering towards warmer weather and boating season!

Our first meeting at RAZZiS was fantastic! We appreciate everyone for being there and are already looking forward to our next in-person meeting in April. Speaking of which, I have been in contact with a representative from the locks and it looks like they will be able to have a speaker at the April meeting at RAZZiS. More on that as that time nears.

In that the docks are frozen, here are a few things to look forward to.

The Seattle Boat Show is running Jan 31 through February 8 at Bell Harbor and Lumen Field. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Terry has organized a sold-out Woodinville Wine Tasting Fleet Captain event for February 8 and 9. We will be tasting a wide variety of Washington's finest and hope you can join us. Way to go Terry!

And back to Zoom for the membership meeting

Tuesday, February 11th. Social half-hour starts at 6:00 and the gavel will start the meeting at 6:30. We're looking forward to comparing notes from the boat show.

We had a very productive board meeting Tuesday discussing ways to increase membership. As you know, attrition is normal in all clubs with people moving on for various reasons. As Commodore, I intend to do what I can to keep the club healthy and prosperous as we lumber into the future.

Our current strategy has succeeded up until now, which is how we all found our way to HHYC but it is time to add some new tools to recruit members.

More on this soon!

As of January 1st, 2025, the new law requiring that boaters stay 1,000 yards away from Southern Resident killer whales went into effect. Boaters also must stay 200 yards away from other killer whales such as Biggs and Transient killer whales. This law is intended to allow the whales to forage and rest with minimal disturbance.

A note of interest is that Southern Residents feed primarily on Salmon while the Transients feed on Sea Mammals such as Seals and Sea Lions.

How we should be able to tell the difference between Southern Residents and Transients eludes me however, the recommendation is to treat all killer whales as if they are Southern Residents.

We all wish our snowbirds a safe and speedy migration to their respective nests in Arizona and elsewhere. We will miss you!

Commodore, Jeremy

## Vice Commodore's Corner

### Rick Nolte



Ahoy Hidden Harbor!

Kim and I have just returned from a warm, sunny, relaxing trip to Kauai...and were greeted home with grim, ashen skies, snow & cold. In other words, "boating weather". Indeed, regardless of the season, the Salish Sea offers countless prospects for cruising enjoyment. One such imminent occasion is Bremerton Yacht Club's "Heavy Weather" weekend February 14-16<sup>th</sup>. This annual event features a Predicted Log Race on Saturday, billed as, "The largest cruiser navigation contest on the west coast". Technically not a "race", but a time and navigation exercise to see how well you know your boat. It involves predicting how much time it will take you to run a defined course, taking into consideration speed, currents, winds and other factors...all without using any electronic aids.

The fun doesn't stop there, as there will be a "Sweetheart Dance" Friday night, and Saturday evening a lovely dinner, followed by a skit competition among participating yacht clubs. These skits are generally crude, amateurish exhibitions of thespian dysfunction; and are invariably hilarious. Bremerton welcomes all boaters and clubs to Heavy Weather, and there may still be time to register. It really is a fun time.

The next big exercise in boating revelry will be the Tacoma Yacht Club's Daffodil Festival April 11-13<sup>th</sup>. This year's theme is "Boating Locally". It kicks off Friday afternoon on the TYC deck for beer and appetizers, and Friday evening is "An Old Fashion Hoe-Down" themed party featuring music and dancing. Saturday afternoon's main activity is a pub-style trivia contest, followed by a dinner buffet, music and more dancing. The weekend culminates on Sunday with the Decorated Boat Parade along Tacoma waterfront. More info is available here: [https://www.tacomayachtclub.org/Daffodil/Daffodil\\_2025](https://www.tacomayachtclub.org/Daffodil/Daffodil_2025)

The next HHYC rendezvous is April 25-27<sup>th</sup> in Port Orchard and will be hosted by Jeremy and Tiah. We have 12 slips reserved, so sign up soon. We regret that Kim and I will miss Port Orchard, as we will be in New England visiting family; but we'll be with you in spirit. Many other HHYC events are planned, and we could still use some hosts, so please review the schedule and sign up, <https://hhyceseattle.com/commodore-cruise/>

Looking further down our calendar of upcoming social enrichment, I note that our February and March dinner meetings will be virtual. While electronic facsimiles of each other are OK, there is no substitute for rubbing elbows and breaking bread with our HHYC cruising companions; and we look forward to our next in-person dinner meeting in April at Razzi's Pizzeria in Greenwood. Please plan to join us as schedules allow.

Finally, I want to thank Terry Fantz for all her many contributions; but particularly for her taking on membership recruitment. We are a small club with limited resources, and it is incumbent upon all of us to help Terry, and act as ambassadors of the club. I believe there is no better argument for joining HHYC than the quality of our members. As we encounter cheerful, fun-loving folks along the way of our boating journeys we should ensure they know about us; invite them to events, and to share in our welcoming spirit.

Safe sailing and looking forward to our next encounter!

VC Rick

# Birthdays

## February

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

## Board Member Meetings Schedule Coming Soon

4:30 PM

At

RAZZiS Pizzeria  
8523 Greenwood Ave N.  
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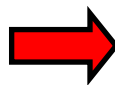
## General Membership Zoom Meeting

Will be held on  
February 11th

Social hour at 6:00 PM

Meeting will begin at 6:30 PM

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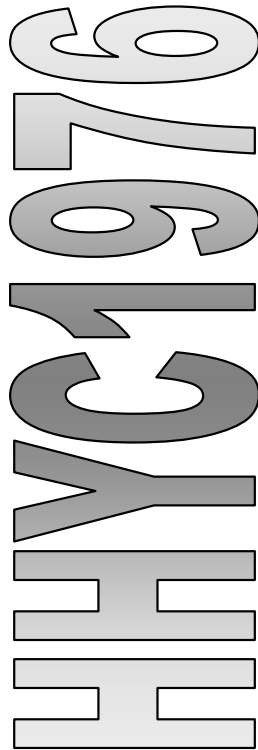
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**Non Hosted Events 2025**  
**Some dates Pending**

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

**May 1 - 3** Opening Day of Boating Season. Look for the group in Union Bay or at QCYC or SYC.

**July 4** Fireworks Pending

**Aug 1- 3** Sea Fair Weekend.

**Oct 3 - 5** Shelton Oysterfest  
Shelton Yacht Club

<b>ARR DEP</b>	<b>Type of Event</b>	<b>Name/Location</b>	<b>Hosts</b>	<b>Marina Info (need to add in phone number or website info)</b>
02/08 02/09	Fleet Captain	Woodinville Wine Tasting		Overnight at Hampton Inn/or RV
04/25 04/27	Rendezvous	Port Orchard	Jeremy/Tiah	We have 12 slips. Call to reserve yours. 360.876.5535 Say HHYC
05/02 05/04	Fleet Captain	Opening Day/Seattle Yacht Club		All day 8 - 5pm
05/23 05/26	Rendezvous	Dock Street Tacoma	Dave/Suzy	HHYC has 10 slips. Call to get yours. 253.250.1906 Say HHYC
5/26	Fleet Captain Cruise South Sound	Olympia Percival's Landing		Percival's Landing – 6 slips reserved. waiting for slip #s
5/28		Longbranch Marina Key Peninsula		HHYC is on their website calendar 1st come, 1st serve. 253.202.2056
5/30		Gig Harbor – Arabella's Marina		Confirmed for 10 slips. Call to get yours. 253.851.1793 Say HHYC
06/27 06/29	Rendezvous	Bremerton Bridge Blast	Paul/Patty	HHYC has 20 slips! Call to get yours. 360.373.1035 Say HHYC
	Fleet Captain Commodore's Cruise	Canada's Southern Gulf Islands		Any questions? Call Tiah 206.696.2447
7/7		Oak Harbor Marina		Make Reservations on your own at Dock WA *HHYC
7/8		Cap Sante Marina, Anacortes		Make Reservation on your own 360.293.0694
7/9		Friday Harbor Marina, San Juan Island		Make Reservations in February
7/11		Poets Cove, Bedwell Harbor Customs entry into Canada		We have 10 slips. Limited water! Call in Feb to get yours. I will provide a HHYC Code # at later date.
7/13		Ganges Marina/ Salt Spring Marina		Waiting for group confirmation
7/16		Telegraph Harbor, Thetis Island		Waiting for Group Confirmation –
7/18		Chemainus, Vancouver Island		Currently have a Group Hold. Waiting for Confirmation in mid February
7/20		Otter Bay, North Pender Island		Make your reservations NOW and Mention HHYC
7/22		Roche Harbor Marina & Resort		Make Reservations after Feb 15 800.586.3590 Tiah will try to get a block of slips
07/24 07/27	Rendezvous	Crab Derby-Anacortes Cap Sante Marina	Vic & Kari Karla & Gary	We have 14 slips & activity tent Call to reserve your slip 360.293.0694 Say HHYC
8/16	Fleet Captain Rendezvous	Point Hudson Marina Port Townsend	Terry & Dane	Group Reserve email will be sent 1/7/25 More info to come!
8/19		Port Ludlow Marina		We have 10 slips – Call to get yours- 360.437.0513 Say HHYC
8/21		Pleasant Harbor Marina		Reserved 10 slips – Tiah needs all members boat info to get indiv reservations
09/05 09/07	Rendezvous	ROCK the DOCK! Bell Harbor	Mike and Sue Burke	We have C dock - apx 12-14 boats Call to get your slip in January. 206.462.9567 Say HHYC
10/02 10/05	Fleet Captain	Walla Walla Wine Cruise		Airbnb, motorhomes, hotel. If interested in Airbnb, contact Tiah. 206.696.2447