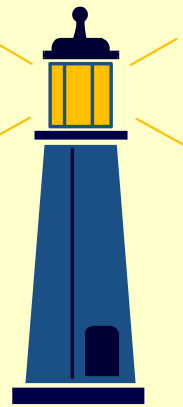


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Bremerton Bridge Blast**

On Another note:

**We are moving away from Square as a means of paying
dues, events and clothing!**

**The club is switching to using Zelle!
Zelle is a bank to bank transfer
System accessible thru most banks
and credit unions.**

**This change will save the club hundreds
of dollars yearly!**

**Set up your bank account today using
treasurer@HHYCSeattle.com
as the recipient for HHYC.**

Checks are still a way to pay by mail!

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Commodore's Column



Ay Mateys and Captains,

Opening day is upon us at long last. Tiah and I are looking forward to representing Hidden Harbor as Commodore & Commadame this year at Seattle Yacht Club. We hope to see you there – though the weather looks predictably Seattle-ish.

Thank you to all for making our first rendezvous of the season at Port Orchard so much fun! It was a 'No Spring Chicken' themed event. We had a cocktail for which we coined the catchy phrase, "All My Neighbors have Chickens!". We infused Vodka with fresh rosemary and added lemon juice, ruby grapefruit juice, simple syrup and topped it all with a splash of soda. Tiah made Bang-Bang Chicken with Asian Slaw and everyone brought deli-

cious sides.

We also had a raucous plastic egg toss contest called, "Putting all my eggs in one basket". It was close but in the final shoot out, Paul Q took the prize money (The entire Nest egg) for the W.

I was honored to lead a Renaming Ceremony for Kari and Vic's beautiful new Cruiser, Tartaruga. With their boats on the hard, Bart & Brenda and Dave & Suzy made the trek over land to join us for this ceremony which meant a lot to all of us, especially Kari & Vic. This was a first for me and I found it to be surprisingly moving. Tom and Barbara wrote the blessing.

I don't think the renaming ceremony has an expiration date so if anyone else would like to have their boat celebrated, let me know. Vic arranged a Safety Inspection for anyone who wanted to participate while we were at Port Orchard. I learned that my flares were expired, we should look into the beacon as an additional tool and that the rules determining fire extinguishers has been changed to twelve years from the charge date. Lloyd the inspector was very, very willing to share stories and deep explanations.

See you at Dock Street!

Jeremy



Vice Commodore's Corner

Rick Nolte

Ahoy HHYC!

Yay! Opening Day of boating season is upon us! Indeed, many of us have been cruising around the Salish Sea right along, but with this weeks Seattle Yacht

Club hosted events, boaters from around our fair waters will convene for all manner of water-based festivities and frivolity to kick off the 2025 season.

With the new season, of course, comes some changes in which we all need to be aware. Notable this year are updates to both Washington State and British Columbia regulations regarding Marine Mammals. These new regulations most significantly impact Southern Resident Killer Whale (SRKW), but also apply to other denizens of the deep. As joyful and responsible boaters, and caring representatives of HHYC, it is important we understand and comply with the new rules.

Most marine mammals in the Salish Sea are listed as “endangered” or “threatened” species. A few exceptions include Harbor Seals, Stellar Sea Lions and Harbor Porpoises. Humpback Whales, Gray Whales, and ALL orcas are considered endangered. The major news this year, starting January 1st 2025 affect SRKWs, and can be summarized as such: “Do not intentionally approach SRKWs within 1000 yards”. How do you tell a SRKW from the “Biggs Killer Whales” (BKW’s)? Not very easily; so it’s a good idea to treat all orcas the same, and stay 1000 yards away.

If you find your fine vessel within 1000 yards, but less than ½ mile, simply move farther away. If you spot killer whales within ½ mile, but more than 400 yards, reduce speed to 7 knots, and move away. If the whales sneak up on you within 400 yards, disengage your engines, wait until they are at least 400 yards away; then move away. Note that these rules apply to all watercraft, including sailboats and paddle boats.

We are told that NOAA (assuming they haven’t been DOGE’d out of existence) and WDFW will be patrolling and enforcing the new laws; but the initial focus will be on education. Nonetheless, if egregious violations occur, citations can be issued.

In addition to the new regulations, there is a “voluntary” no-go zone extending ¼ mile out from the western shore of San Juan Island from Cattle Point to Mitchell Bay. This increases to ½ mile near the Lime Kiln lighthouse.

To make things really confusing, in BC the rules are different! They make no distinction between SRKW’s and BKW’s, and from Campbell River to Ucluelet, stay 400 meters away. North of Campbell river stay 200 meters away. Also in BC there are two “Mandatory Interim Sanctuary Zones” at the southern edge of the Gulf Islands (just north of the San Juan’s) from June 1-November 30th. The Canadian Coast Guard does patrol and enforce these zones, so best to respect the rules. If, indeed, the USA annexes Canada as the 51st state, it may simply our boating lives a bit in the future.

There is more info available at bewhalewise.org, and I encourage you to familiarize yourselves with the latest rules and affected areas. In the meantime, Kim and I wish you all a safe and enriching 2025 boating season, and we look forward to seeing you on the water.

Cheers,

VC Rick

Important Updates BBB

Anyone planning on attending the Bremerton Bridge Blast, I have been asked to provide your names to the Marina.

If you have not signed up yet please call the Marina @ 360 373-1035 and get your name on the list.

We have a total of 20 slips this year and so far we have used 10. So Far we

BBB 2025	Name	Slip
1	Buckingham	SB1A & SB1B
2	Hardy	P12
3	Kroeger	P4
4	Portolese	P24
5	Quinn	P2
6	Rittereiser	P18
7	Wilson	SB2A & SB2B
8	Panioto	P8

have the following!

Please email me at

jpaul-quinn@gmail.com

if you are planning to attend as we will have to release the unused slips shortly. Thank you and happy boating

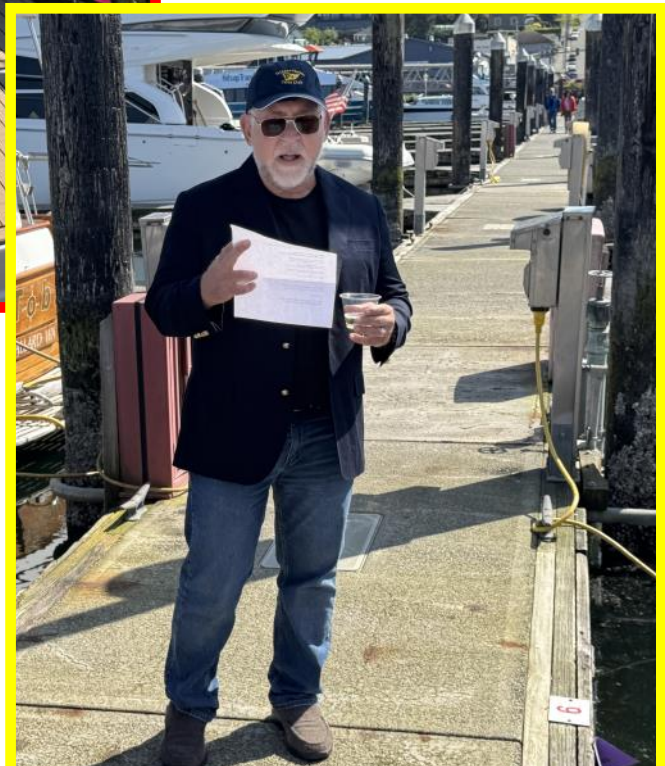


PORT ORCHARD EVENT 2025



Vic and Kari celebrating
their new boat with a
renaming ceremony
presented by
Commodore
Jeremy Hardy!

Congratulations to
Vic and Kari











Birthdays

May

13 - Kari Portolese
14 - Steve Hall
Joe Amrine
17 Brynn Sheridan
18 - Steve Kaimmer
30 - Paul Quinn



General Membership Zoom Meeting

**Will be held on
May 13**

Social hour at 6:00 PM

Meeting will begin at 6:30 PM

Click Image for Zoom Link



Next Board Meeting

**June 10th
4:30 PM Social**

5:30 Meeting

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P/C Paul Quinn

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Secretary	Kari Portolese
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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

HHYC 2025 Cruise/Rendezvous Schedule

This schedule was created to allow for more time on the water, while blending in weekend rendezvous on both ends of the cruises for members whose schedules are less flexible.
Cruises are Fleet Captain events allowing members to participate in ALL of it, or sprinkle in and join at the locations of interest to them.

**Please see the notes on each event. Details will be updated as required.

All Events and details are in the Event Calendar in the Members Only section of the website- Sign up there!

Type of Event	Name/Location	Hosts	Arrival date to departure date	Marina Info (need to add in phone numbers or website info)
Fleet Captain	Woodinville Wine Tasting		Feb 8-9	Overnight at Hampton Inn/or RV
Rendezvous	Port Orchard	Jeremy/Tiah	April 25-27	We have 12 slips. Call to reserve yours. Say HHYC 360.876.5535
Fleet Captain	Opening Day/Seattle Yacht Club		May 3	All day 8 - 5pm
Rendezvous	Dock Street Tacoma	Dave/Suzy	May 23-26	HHYC has 10 slips. call to get yours. Say HHYC - 253.250.1906
Fleet Captain Cruise – South Sound	Olympia Percival's Landing		May 26-28	Percival's Landing – 6 slips reserved. Prob more available. No need to call in, just sign up on our website.
	Longbranch Marina Key Peninsula		May 28-30	HHYC is on their website calendar –No need to call, please sign up on our HHYC calendar so we know who is coming.
	Gig Harbor Arabella's Marina		May 30-June 1	Space reserved. Tiah will provide on-line signup info in March.
Rendezvous	Bremerton Blast	Paul/Patty	June 27-29	HHYC has 20 slips! Call to get yours. Say HHYC 360.373.1035
Commodore's Cruise	Canada's Southern Gulf Islands		July 7-24	Any questions? Call Tiah 206.696.2447
	Oak Harbor Marina		July 7-8	Make Reservations on your own at DockWA mention HHYC
	Cap Sante Marina, Anacortes		July 8-9	Make Reservation on your own 360.293.0694
	Friday Harbor Marina San Juan Island		July 9-11	Make Reservations Now! Online resy avail on website 360.378.2688. Fill water tank here!
	Poets Cove Bedwell Harbour Customs entry into Canada		July 11-13	Limited water! We have 10 slips. Call in Feb to get yours. 250-629-2111
	Ganges Marina Salt Spring Marina		July 13-16	Make a reservation on your own with either Ganges or Salt Spring Tiah and Jeremy are at Salt Spring.
	Telegraph Harbor Thetis Island		July 16-18	Make your own reservations online – attend a rendezvous - put in dates in, select a yacht club (HHYC Comm. Cruise 250-246-9511)

	Chemainus Marina Vancouver Island		July 18-20	Call Chemainus to reserve a slip 250-715-8186
	Otter Bay North Pender Island		July 20-22	Make your reservations NOW and Mention HHYC. May not confirm them until April. 250- 629-3579
	Roche Harbor Marina & Resort		July 22-24	Make Reservations on or after Feb 14 800.586.3590 Tiah will try to get a block of slips
Rendezvous	Crab Derby-Anacortes Cap Sante Marina	Vic & Kari Karla & Gary	July 24-27	We have 14 slips & activity tent. We will notify members on the process for reserva- tion for this event.
Fleet Captain/ Rendezvous	Point Hudson Marina Port Townsend	Terry & Dane	Aug 16-19	All slips filled, contact Tiah if you want to be on waitlist.
Fleet Captain	Port Ludlow Marina		Aug 19-21	We have 10 slips – Call to get yours- Say HHYC 360.437.0513
Fleet Captain	Pleasant Harbor Marina		Aug 21-23	Call now and mention HHYC
Rendezvous	ROCK the DOCK! Bell Harbor Marina	Mike/Sue Burke	Sept 12-14	We have C dock - apx 12-14 boats Call to get your slip in January. Say HHYC 206.462.9567
Fleet Captain	Walla Walla Wine Cruise		Oct 2-5	Airbnb, motorhomes, hotel. If interested in Airbnb, contact Tiah. 206.696.2447

Event Descriptions

Rendezvous

Is a boating event with hosts. The hosts provide marina information, create an agenda including activities & coordinate meals for the weekend (fees may apply).

Please note, slips have been saved but they are **not reserved** so be sure and call the marina as early as possible to guarantee your slip is reserved (reference HHYC).

Fleet Captain Events

Can be a land or boating event organized by the Fleet Captain . They give the details of the event, provide information on land or marinas, and coordinate the activities.

Commodore's Cruise

Summer cruise by the Commodore. A cruising schedule is shared, but you create your own schedule & make your marina reservations. You have the option to join in and out according to your personal schedule.

Many Marinas Fill up early - so make reservations soon!

**IMPORTANT TO GO TO THE WEBSITE MEMBERS ONLY SECTION
FOR EVENT DETAILS AND SIGNUP!**