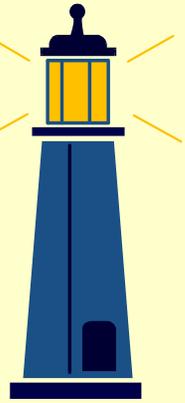


# HIDDEN HARBOR



Fall is in the AIR, but still time to go boating!

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Rain be Gone!

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## Save the Date November 1st Commodores Ball

### Rock the Dock

It's almost here! Bell Harbor's end of Summer event is September 12th-14th.  
The weather is cooperating and looks to be in the 70s - yay!

There will be dancing on the dock on Friday night from 7:00 to 10:00.  
Come join us, even if you didn't get a slip. We're looking forward to seeing all  
of you! Your hosts, Sue & Mike Burke \ Linda Mallas & Tom Massey

If you have not yet paid, please send payment to

[Treasurer@HHYCSeattle.com](mailto:Treasurer@HHYCSeattle.com)

Please help us welcome newest members:

Suzanne and Thomas Hornish

They will be joining us at  
RTD

And Zoom Meeting September 9th @ 6:00PM

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## Commodore's Column



And we're back.

What a fantastic season we've had! All of us have had such great times on the water, both together and with the "other" family!

Lol 😊 Again, it has been another summer that reminds us of how fortunate we are to be part of this great community of boaters, explorers, and friends. More good news; our cruising season isn't over! We have 'Rock the Dock' Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>. We're looking forward to seeing everyone, sharing the season's stories & photos, while groovin', movin', and celebrating as Sue Burke and The Desolation Sounds light up Bell Harbor's docks Friday night. And, Saturday night, the Crocodile is putting on 'Gimme Disco' at Pier 62 which we will be able to listen to from a fairway away.

I have heard and repeated the big three words more than usual this summer. You know the phrase; we speak them with reverence and consternation in equal measure. They offer an excuse, an apology and can be a source of pride, while knowing there is empathy from us all... The magical words? "It's a boat"

The breakdowns, the delays and...the expense. How can the lure of the sea even be heard through the loud squelch of logic (The cost! The weather!). The camaraderie, weather, and the sheer beauty of the waters we call home make it all worthwhile. This season has been spectacular. I mean, I couldn't seem to stop taking pictures of the gorgeous sunsets.

Our Second Commodore's Cruise was lovely. After a beautiful few nights in Poets Cove we went to Salt Spring for three nights, which allowed us more time to explore the Island. Then onto Telegraph Harbor and Chemainus where Dennis and Brynn set up dinner and front row seats for an excellent production of 'Footloose.' While some continued to other destinations we visited Otter Bay, Roche Harbor and Anacortes. Vic, Kari, Gary, and Karla graciously put on a fabulous Crab Fest where Larry and Theresa handily won the crab contest with an 8 incher! That crab was huge, seriously.

Our trip to Point Hudson turned out to be a blast, but we all had to roll with changes to schedules and priorities. Special kudos to Dane and Terry who, after enduring curveball after curveball trying to get their boat repaired and back in the water, adjusted and came to Point Hudson in their RV and spoiled us all. Then had to leave for Everett for more boat issues... Back to those three words

Mark Your Calendar! Saturday, November 1st is locked in for the HHYC Commodore's Ball to celebrate the ending of the 49<sup>th</sup> Year and to welcome the new bridge – Details to follow. We're looking forward to seeing you all at the meeting at Razzi's on Tuesday, September 9 at 4:30!

Jeremy + Tiah  
Commodore + Commadame



## Vice Commodore's Corner

### Rick Nolte

maintained and prepared for year-round cruising is vital, and with the slower fall and winter cruising schedules, we have the perfect opportunity to tackle essential maintenance and upgrades.

Ahoy HHYC!

With Labor Day now behind us, the meaty part of the PNW boating season is behind us, but there is still much fun remaining on the calendar. There is also, as always, work to do. Keeping our vessels properly

My first priority will be to perform our annual maintenance service, which we complete annually or every 100 hours (whichever comes first), and includes changing oil, oil filters, fuel filter, gear oil, transmission filters, turbo filters, checking belts and hoses, and checking and servicing prop shafts. I also service the dinghy by adding fuel stabilizer to the tank, swap in a new fuel filter, and connect a battery charger/conditioner if it is expected to sit inactive for a period of time.

This is also a good time to check and maintain your canvas & upholstery. Over the boating season, these can take a beating from the elements, and the slower fall/winter season is the ideal time to clean, and repair, checking for mold or mildew, which can worsen over the winter if not addressed. It is also important to treat your canvas with waterproofing afterwards, which helps to preserve and extend its useful life.

Every boat owner has a list of "I'll get to it eventually" tasks, and now is the time to get to those tasks. Some potential items include:

Checking and replacing worn or aged gaskets and seals, which can prevent leaks and water damage. Also, ensuring all navigation and anchor lights are in proper working order and replace any that are broken or malfunctioning, which is critical for early or late season boating when daylight is shorter.

- Random Hardware fixes like missing snaps, hinges, or brackets. These small fixes can make a big difference in the functionality and appearance of your boat.
- Deep cleaning neglected areas like the bilge and engine compartment. Remove oil, grime, and debris from the bilge, and degrease and clean the engine compartment, which can help you spot potential issues like leaks or corrosion before they become costly repairs. This is also a good time to check our bilge pumps to ensure they are in good working order.
- Checking and filling your lead-acid battery water levels. Wear old clothes for this task, as it seems impossible not to splash diluted acid, no matter how careful you are.  
Checking your toilet's function; treat holding tank, and repair as may be necessary.
- Slow season is also a good time to consider upgrades. Maybe one or more of the following enhancements to ensure your vessel is not only more enjoyable but also more efficient:
  - Installing solar panels can significantly extend battery life and decrease dependency on shore power, making your boating more sustainable and efficient.
  - Update your navigation systems to include the latest maps, GPS, radar, and sonar, enhancing your navigational capabilities and safety on the water.
  - Install modern monitoring systems, such as battery monitors and security cameras to keep track of your boat's vital functions and prevent any unexpected issues.
  - Install or upgrade underwater LED lights to improve nighttime visibility and aesthetics, transforming your boat into a stunning spectacle after dark.

Boost your connectivity onboard with advanced Wi-Fi systems and satellite communications, such as Starlink for uninterrupted internet access, even in remote locations.

When planning our winter projects, prioritize based on necessity and impact. Start with safety-related repairs such as navigation lights and gaskets, followed by comfort upgrades like upholstery and audio systems. Allocate time and budget accordingly, and if certain projects exceed your expertise, winter is a good time to schedule professional services without the rush of in-season demand.

Well, it seems we all have a lot of work to do, and for my part, I'm going to start right away. Kim and I look forward to seeing everybody at the upcoming HHYC events, and happy toiling!

Cheers,  
Rick



**ROCK THE DOCK REVIVAL!**  
Join us at Bell Harbor for a  
"Wrap up the Summer" event!

**SEPTEMBER 12 -14, 2025**

**Agenda :**

**Friday, Sept. 12th 4:45pm: Pike Place Chowder is delivering a choice of New England Chowder or Seafood Bisque with Sourdough bread to the dock. BYOB 7:00 – 10:00pm: Desolation Sounds will be performing on the dock. Dancing is strongly encouraged!**

**Saturday, Sept. 13th 9:00am: Breakfast on the dock. 10:00am: Optional walk/run on the waterfront. Enjoy your afternoon by visiting the Seattle Aquarium, the Ferris Wheel, Wings over Washington or Pike Place Market.**

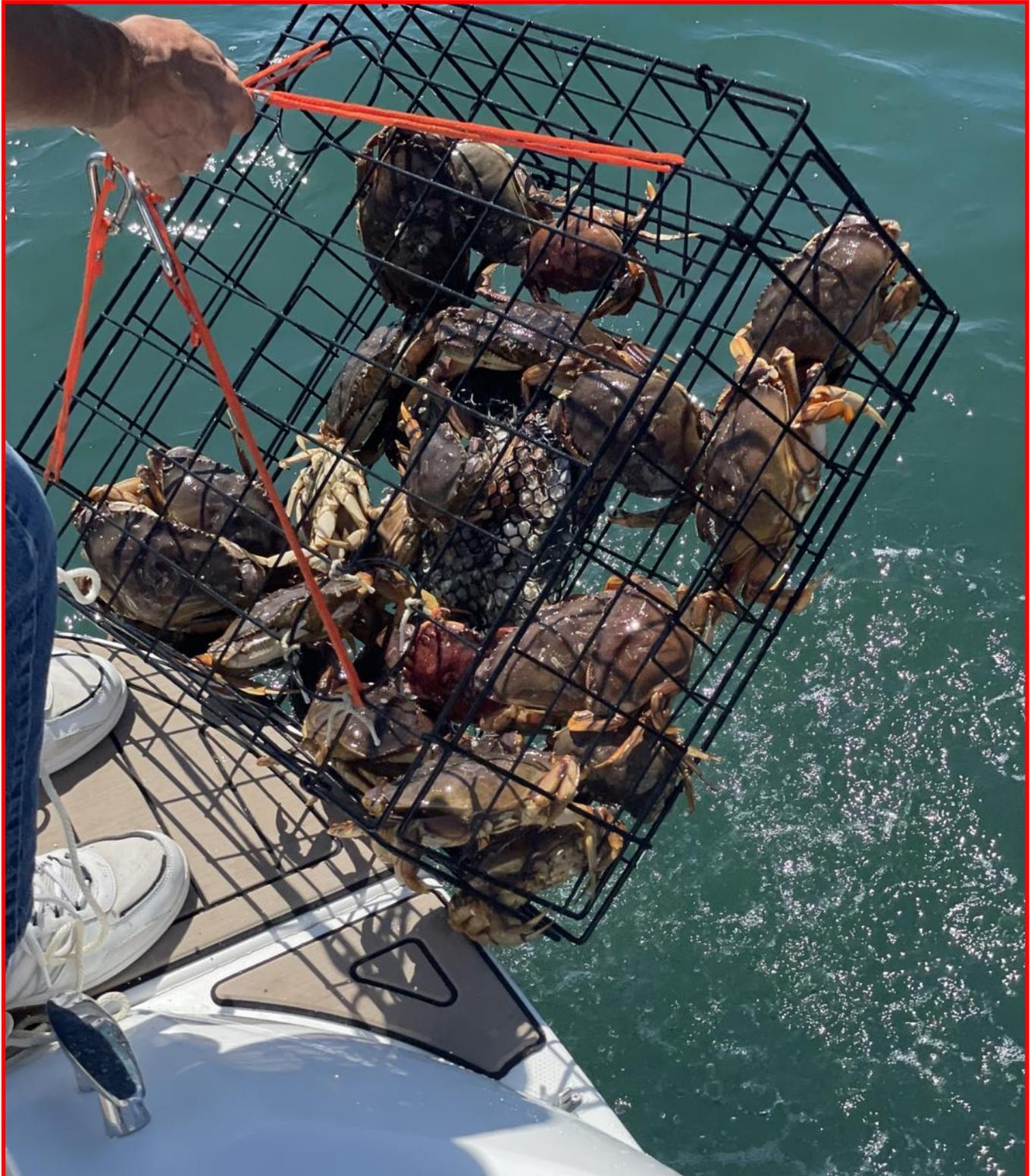
**5:30pm: Walking up to Kells Irish Restaurant – 1916 Post Alley. Dinner reservations are at 6:00pm. Let Susan know if you're in! Separate checks**

**Evening: We should be able to hear the music (ABBA tribute band) Sunday, Sept. 14th 8:00: Being performed on pier 66 right next to us!**

**Sunday, Sept. 14th 8:00: Breakfast on the dock. Safe travels and Rock On!!**

**Hosts: Sue and Mike Burke (425) 466-1573 Linda Mallas and Tom Massey**

# Anacortes Crab Derby



# Commodores Cruise 2025



# Commodores Cruise 2025



# dCruise 2025

Rick Nolte vs  
US Coast Guard  
Take two



# Commodores Cruise 2025



Rick Nolte vs  
US Coast Guard  
Take one



# Crab Derby 2025



Just for fun - for some



# Birthdays

## Summer

### June, July & August Birthdays

06/05 - Randy Garon  
06/12 - Karen Heerensperger  
06/19 - Suzy Hoffman  
    Bill Massey  
07/03 - Jim Haugen  
07/04 - Jim Templeman  
07/06 - Ivette Panioto  
07/09 - Connie Buckingham  
07/10 - Karla Wood  
07/11 - Jane Gomez  
07/12 - Tom Massey  
07/16 - Pavy Stacey  
07/19 - Ken Jablonski  
07/21 - Dane Fantz  
07/23 - Larry Parrett  
07/26 - Bart Kooyman  
07/30 - Paul Ellis  
  
08/16 - Mike Burke  
08/31 - Jeff Quinn

### September Birthdays

02 - Catherine Garon  
10 - Shirley Renfrow  
13 - Bill Buckingham  
18 - Liz Ellis  
23 - John Keene  
    Jeremy Hardy  
30 - Kent Soffel

## General Membership Zoom Meeting

Will be held on  
Sep 09

Social hour at 6:00 PM

Meeting will begin at 6:30 PM

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## Next Board Meeting

Sept 20  
6:30 PM to 7:30 PM

[Zoom Link](#)

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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!**