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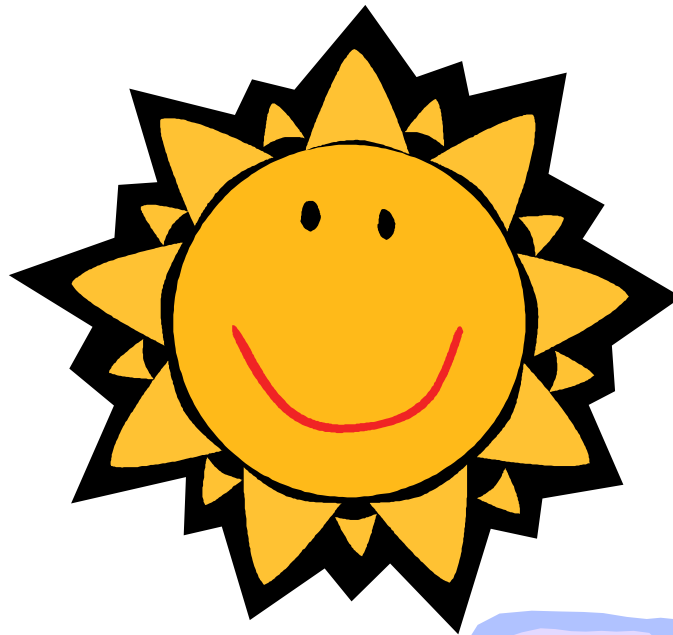


Commodore's Report—Pat Hansen

Well summer is here – and all thoughts have turned to boating and vacations. If this reaches your hands before the 4th of July – and if you don't have other plans - please join us at the Club. We will have many "unplanned" activities. Tables will be setup and the BBQ's will be available – so bring BYO everything and come enjoy the 4th with family and friends. If this does not reach you by then – I hope you had a wonderful fun-filled 4th (just like we did).

Since this is the last Sound Waves until September – I hope you all have a Great Summer of Safe Boating. Also

remember that the July meeting is a Pot Luck – and your Officers will not be in their uniforms. Hope to see you there.



Great Saying

Rainbow to windward, foul play the day

Rainbow to leeward, rain runs away



June Calendar

7/4 4th at PSYC Dock

7/9- Gig Harbor Cruise

7/13 PSYC Board

7/14 Thurs Lunch
Bunch Bunch & Rental

7/15 Rental

7/20 General Meeting

7/21 Rental

7/29-31 Vacation
Connection



Vice Commodore's Report - Barry Ellingson

Hope everyone is out cruising and enjoying the water. The cruises this year has been great. I hope you all join in on the fun.

From the facilities side of the fence things are going fine. We will have a fall clean up on September 10th at the club to handle things like weeds and general small items that need attention so put it on our calendar now.

On Hat Island some people have asked about the phone when they call, and only getting the answering machine. Hat Island only has part time staff so if you get the answering machine leave your name, boat name, and day you will arrive, and they are suppose to pass it on to the harbormaster. You should call in if you plan to come in on Friday or Saturday. If you

just show up Hat will try to fit you in but if they are using our docks after late Friday afternoon the docks could be full. Even with our club boats.

Safe Boating



Rear Commodore's Report—Mike Haistings

Hello Members; here we are in July already and the peak of the summer boating season and some extended boating trips and vacations. So we are going to taper back the social schedule just a bit. The next social will an "unofficial" one at the club on July 4th for those that want to just pop in, hang out with other members to enjoy the day, and get that prime spot on the dock to watch the fireworks over Lake Union. Remember if you want to come over by boat please give our dock master a call (Bill Dils). The next social isn't until the end of September early October, that is our annual weekend trip to wine country that so many of us look forward to. I will give more information later.

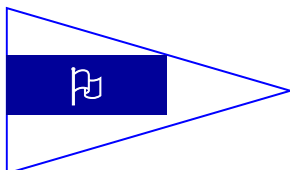
Here's a recap from **Ron Bell** on the last social: The PSYC "Day at the Races" was held at Emerald Downs on June 18th and was enjoyed by the 27 participants who joined in for an afternoon of horse racing fun and great food in the View Room.

Many of our group's betters seemed to be in mid-season form with frequent stops at the pay-window. **Rochelle Gray** got off to a hot start by picking the winners in the first two races and collecting a handsome payoff on the Daily Double. **Evelyn Nickerson** scored a nice Show bet in the third race. Among other highlights, a consortium of 12 PSYC touters wagered \$1 each to try to pick the Win, Place, and Show horses (in order) in each race and actu-

ally scored a \$54.50 payoff on the second race.

remarked that he didn't think the horse they had bet on was named Fergie's Fantasy and, instead, thought the horse they had bet on was the No. 5 horse -- Award Winning!!! It turns out that, in their rush to place their bet, they looked at the Green pages in the Official Program. The Green pages covered the Simulcast races from Hollywood Park that day and the White pages covered the live horse racing from Emerald Downs. So **Phil and Liz** picked the No. 5 horse from Hollywood Park named Award Winning and placed their bet on No. 5 at Emerald Downs for the first race – Fergie's Fantasy. This was a lucky start to **Phil and Liz's** "Day at the Races". (Ed note: Their intended selection, Award Winning, finished last in a seven horse field at Hollywood Park in the first race).

The sixth race was named for our Club – **Puget Sound Yacht Club Purse**. Several members were selected by random drawing to watch the race from the rail near the finish line, and then have their photo taken with the winning horse, jockey, and owners at the Winner's Circle. Those lucky participants were **Dan Gray, Barb Knutsen, Gary Sheneman, Donna Sheneman, Lisa Haistings, Mike Haistings**, and the Haisting's niece **Cailyn Bodle**). This was a great event and I thank **Ron & Bess** for once again planning a great day for our members.



Fleet Captain's Report - Bill Dils

Hello PSYC friends and fellow boaters!

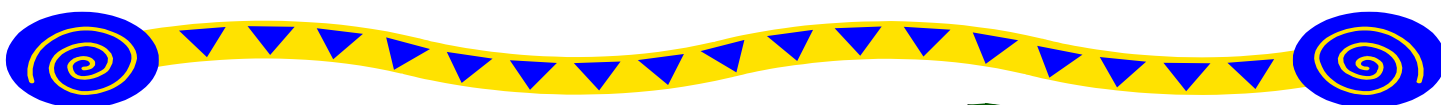
All the cruises so far this year have been great successes. A big thank you to **The Newton's, the Krueger's, the Ellingson's and the Orr's** for a job well done captaining the Hat Island Golf Tournament and rain dodge. **Barry, Tony (Barry's cousin), Neil and Larry Newton** were the big golf winners with the lowest score (**Larry** said). There were 21 PSYC boats and 42-43 crew attending. **Larry** declared "A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL"!

The 4th of July is almost here. There will be an unofficial, non-hosted, all around good time at the club all weekend. We have room for you to raft if you would like to bring your boat.

The Gig Harbor Pirate's cruise will be July 9 & 10th. Be sure to call Bobbie at Arabella's Landing Marina 253-851-1793 and reserve your moorage. If you need more information call Olivia Noiseux at 602-738-5256. AAARRRGG!

Vacation Connection is July 30 & 31st at Fisherman's Bay on Lopez Island. For sign-up and further information call Jim Hubly at 206-250-9660 cell or 425-746-9304 home. There will be activities and lots of fun.

Our annual Andrews Bay cruise (Cheeseburgers in Paradise) will be August 20 & 21st. Call **Chris Kullmann** 425-204-1540 hm, 425-290-7828 wk for more information and to sign-up.



Cruise Schedule

Date	Cruise	Captains
July 8/10	Gig Harbor	Olivia Noiseux
July 29/31	Vacation Connection, Fisherman's @ Lopez	Jim Hubly
Aug 19/21	Andrews Bay	Chris Kullman
Sept 2/5	Labor Day – Olympia	Gary Sheneman
Sept. 16/18	Hat Island – Fishing Derby	John Orr
Oct. 14/16	Poulsbo – Pool Tournament	Hawk/Barrett/Barrett
Dec. 4	Lake Washington - Special People	Gebhart
Dec. 10/11	Bell Harbor – Shopping	Haistings

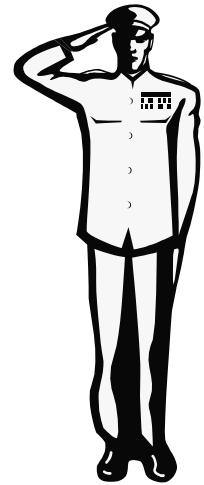
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How's it going with the locks? →

Boating Stories?
 I know there are some closet writers in our club. Look at what Ellen has done from her boat in the Pacific. So, we would like to have boating stories. Anything you would like to write about and have in the Sound Waves? We are looking for some boating stories or dock recipes (see clam linguini) or any other general interest items for the Sound Waves.

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Boating Story

Dick, our newsletter editor, has been repeatedly asking for a boating story. I don't feel qualified to write stories, but because this event has been screaming out to me over the last several months and it deals with vacation boating safety, I feel compelled to share it with you. As my wonderful first mate often says about me, "as the years go by, Jim can't remember what is fact or fiction, especially after telling a story several times'. **So take all this as what might have happened.**

It was a summer vacation many years ago, and the **Part Two**, her captain and first mate were taking their first trip together up to Desolation Sound. We were traveling with a former PSYC member that I will call Paul, so that hopefully nobody's feelings will get hurt. The Part Two, as many of you know, is an old 35 ft Chris Commander. Paul's boat was slightly smaller, a more common production boat from a Northwest manufacturer. Paul was with his wife, one of the nicest ladies your might ever hope to meet. Anyway, after an uneventful trip up through the Gulf Islands and several pleasant anchorages we found ourselves anchored near the Dingy Pub in Nanimo Bay.

Rising early after an evening of fun at our favorite floating pub, we pulled anchor to face crossing the Straits of Georgia. Off to a good early start with only a little fog and no apparent wind we, navigated north past Newcastle Is. and up towards buoy #26, the jumping off point to open water. I checked with Comox Radio to see if Whisky Gulf was active, and found that it was not, making the crossing far more direct. Pulling out an old chart (yes, this was way before GPS and computers) I did some dead reckoning to plot a course, adjusted for about 20 degrees east variance and set a course by that thing on your boats called a compass. The strait was filled with low clouds and the visibility was about two miles. The good news was that there was still no wind.

We brought both boats up to cruising speed, which back then, with the old Chris 427 engines was about 13 knots. After about 45 minutes or so the haze lifts, and we had our first site of Texada Is. We all breathed a sigh of relief when we found that we had been actually going in the right direction all this time. After another 15 minutes or so Paul was on the radio saying that he was going to slow down and do some fishing out in the Straight and that he would catch up a little later. I replied "Okay I'll stop at Upwood Pt. on the south tip of Texada and see if I can catch lunch".

As we got to Upwood Pt. and started putting the lines out, the call came in. It was Paul's wife on the radio and she sounds a little concerned, as she say's "**Jim, Paul is asking that, if it is okay with you, he would like you to come back, as it seems we are sinking**". I replied that we would be right there. We fired up the old engines and, as fast as they would go, headed back out to approx the middle of the Straits where we found Paul and his wife frantically bailing with two 5 gallon buckets. The engine hatch doors were open and Paul was cursing and yelling at his wife to pour out the buckets faster. We tied along side and I jumped into the bilge and asked "where is it coming from?" The answer was "I don't know". Up to my knees in water at this point, I started feeling around, trying to find where all this water was coming from. In a few minutes I found the engine raw water through-hull under the engine and a full 2" fountain of water was coming in, because the hose was off, and, as far as I could tell, nowhere to be found in all this water. To make matters worse I couldn't turn off the valve because it was an old rusted round steel faucet valve that looked like it should be on my hose at home. Well, it wouldn't close because of the years of rust, so I asked my first mate to bring me the plugs from under the sink. (We keep a set of various size wood plugs under the galley sink. I don't know why we keep them there - that is where we had room for them, I guess. Anyway, one of them fit and by pushing it in, the water stopped.

We all breathed a sigh of relief and, by using a hand pump from the Part Two and a lot of bailing, we got all the water out. Then, for what seemed like a simple repair, I asked Paul if he had a hose clamp to replace the one that had rusted and broke, because the center pin in it was not stainless and had been rusting for years. He said he didn't have any hose clamps on board. Back to the Part Two to find a hose clamp and a screwdriver. We managed to reconnect the hose and secure it.

At this point I asked, "where is the bilge pump?" It turned out that it had quit, quite some time ago. He had a new one in the box, but just hadn't gotten it installed before they left on the trip.

After a couple of beers, some rest and a few "boy that was close" comments, we got Paul's engine fired up and it seemed to run fine. We were off to Lund, where we left Paul and his wife, so they could get the bilge pump installed and the boat checked out by a mechanic.

What did we learn? Well, a bunch of important things. First, regularly check all your hoses, clamps, through-hull connections and valves for rust and corrosion. Make sure the valves can be closed easily. If you don't know where every through-hull is on your boat, make a map of them and keep it handy, because if you haven't hit something or gone aground and you are taking on water, it is a good bet that it is coming in through one of them. Be able to shut them off fast. Believe me, you can't keep up with a 2 inch stream of water by bailing for very long. Next, keep your bilge pumps working properly, and have an alarm or light on them so you know when they come on automatically. Third, have a supply of tools and spare parts to make emergency repairs. Last, if you start taking on water, first call the Coast Guard for help, and get one person pumping while another looks for the source of the water and stops it.

Over the years I have made a lot of mistakes boating. I'm not trying to look good in all this - I should have called the Coast Guard as soon as I got that call. I didn't - it could have been a big mistake. I should have stayed closer by a friend in such open water. I didn't. I hope you have a wonderful and safe boating vacation this year. Give the old Part Two a call. We plan to be out and about.

Jim Barrett

PSYC PRESENTS
Mystery Pirate Cruise

Gig Harbor – Friday July 8



Friday: BYO Hors d'oeuvres to have with Pirate's Rum punch. – pick up your pirate packets

Saturday: Brunch - Pirates' don't do morning. Afternoon Treasure Hunt, BBQ dinner provided

Sunday: On your own – (May think of something)



Sharpen your knives and swords, put on your pirates gear and Join Ron, Greta, Olivia, Dean and our mysterious couple. Remember, there is ivory to be carved. Rum to be drunk.

Contact Olivia: Onoiseux@aol.com

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to unwind.
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with make your own ice
cream sundies.
Lite breakfast.

rsvp: Chris Kullmann
425-204-1540
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Sunday after breakfast
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Fisherman's Bay

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July 29-31



Jim and Susan Hubly
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Labor Day Cruise to Olympia

(Swantown Marina)



Olympia Harbor Days
Tugboat Races and Festival



Harbor Days 2001 Tug Races

September 2 - 4, 2005

- 120 Arts & Craft Booths
- International food court
- View historic tugboats moored at Percival Landing
- Music stage at Percival Landing Saturday and Sunday
- Model tugboat demonstration with 25 model tugs
- Tour & cruise on the Virginia V and The Lady Washington
- Tug Boat tours Saturday, Sept 3rd 10:00-5:00
- Swantown Regatta—Human-powered boat races Saturday, September 3rd
- Tugboat Races Sunday, September 4th, Noon - 4pm

Contact:
Gary or Donna Sheneman
Mike & Lisa Haistings



Australia Boating Story

6/5/05

The Paines just returned from Australia on 5/31/05. The boating story has to do with our adventure on a dive boat to the Great Barrier Reef.

I had to work for a week in Cairns, Australia. After the Cairns meeting, Jodie and I went with my brother-in-law and sister-in-law around northern Australia in an RV for four days (mostly the Australian tablelands) and then went on a dive boat for seven days on the Great Barrier Reef (GBR).

The boat was the 110foot Spoil Sport that operates out of Townsville, Australia. Townsville is near the southern end of the GBR. The SpoilSport is a 110 foot catamaran. The trips away from the protection of the reef areas were pretty rough. Most of the time away from the protection of the reef, we were in 2-3m (6-9foot) seas. They had most of the modern navigation and communications equipment onboard. They had to have GPS to even find their buoys, which are kept underwater. Here is a picture of the boat we were on:



I had heard reports that the GBR wasn't all that terrific, but au contraire, we were out about 200km off the Australian coast at Flinders Reef and back and it was spectacular. For the six days on the reefs, we got to dive three to four times a day (about an hour for each dive). There were three very unique things about the diving; first, the coral out that far was spectacular. It looks like a perfect garden of hard and soft corals with more fish than we have ever seen anywhere (Finding Nemo is pretty accurate in its animated visuals). Second, the trip we were on also features a shark frenzy with all the divers watching outside cages. That was really spectacular. I had real reservations about training 30-40 sharks to associate humans with food, but it was really quite well done. Third, we hit the weather right and were able to dive the wreck of the Yongala. The wreck is the most amazing thing I have ever seen diving. The fish and the animals are gigantic and every inch of the 400foot ship is covered with spectacular corals and thousands of small, medium, large, and gigantic fish, including big bull sharks and rays. There were also features like sea snakes and giant moray eels. I guess that I would say that Yongala dive is the most spectacular in the world.

We have some pictures, so ask us more if you are interested.

July 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1/2/3	4 BDay-Andy Anderson	5	6	7 BDay-Bob White Rental	8 Gig Harbor Cruise	9 Gig Harbor Cruise
10 Gig Harbor Cruise	11	12 BDay-Joy Follis	13 PSYC Board	14 Rental	15 BDay-Mike Haistings Rental	16
17 BDay-Dick Paine	18	19	20 PSYC General Mtg	21 Rental	22	23 BDay-Liz Herseht
24	25 BDay-Phil Kuyper	26	27 BDay-Evan Easley	28	29 Vacation Connection	30 Vacation Connection
31 Vacation Connection						