



Commodore's Report – Garry Moore

I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving and survived “Black Friday” or at least all of the commercials. Now just over three weeks to get ready for Christmas; never enough time.

Dock Extension: We are still waiting for all of the comments back from the City for the building permit. We cannot respond to the comments we have already received from the City until all of the comments have been completed by the City. The City has requested that we have a geotechnical report prepared documenting the capacity of the soils below the dock to support the piling. We are currently having that report prepared.

Awards Dinner: This year's Awards Dinner is on Wednesday, December 14th. It is a week earlier than normal to give us some time before Christmas. The dinner will be a catered prime rib dinner. The cost is \$35 per person. Susan and Rich Visintainer have graciously offered to provide wine for

the dinner. The Awards` Dinner is our annual chance to recognize the hard work our Members do to support our Club's events throughout the year. Please get back to me if you are planning to attend. You really should not miss this event.

RBAW: I am the delegate from our Club to the Recreational Boating Association of Washington (RBAW). Kevin Haistings and I are also both directors of RBAW. RBAW is an important organization representing the interests of recreational boaters and yacht clubs in Washington which we all benefit from. I have attached a summary of the legislative issues and regulatory priorities that RBAW is concerned with that were presented at the RBAW annual meeting at the Gig Harbor Yacht Club in November. These are issues that RBAW along with organizations such as the Northwest Marine Trade Association (NMTA) feel are important to support for all boaters.



Vice Commodore's Report – Bob Josephson

The club continues to get nicer thanks to the work of Pat Hansen. She has completely redone the upstairs bathroom. She removed the multi-layers of peeling wallpaper and painted the entire bathroom. She also painted part of the downstairs men's bathroom to finish up the work done by Barry to reattach the sink.

The Awards Dinner will be on December 14th to celebrate all the fun

activities of the year and thank the people that did all the work to make them happen. This will be a catered event so come and enjoy it.

I look forward to working with all of you as I become Commodore next year. It looks like we have a great year planned and I hope all of you participate and get the most out of your club.



Rear Commodore's Report – *Vacant, submitted by Bob Josephson*

The Commodores Ball was November 5th at the Sand Point Country Club. This was a great party and celebration of our club activities for the year.

The cruise/social planning meeting was held on Thursday, November 10. Our new fleet captain, Maddog is now working on our calendar for 2017.

It looks like it should be a great year with fun social events and great cruises. The calendar will be posted soon so please get these dates on your calendar and volunteer to help where you can.

Please see the attached Cruise Flyer in this newsletter for more planning information.

Fleet Captain's Report – Robert Murphy

So it's the end of the year and our cruising season. As fall turns into winter we will sneak in two last cruise events hoping to dodge the rain. On December 4th we had the Special Peoples Cruise. We had boats and members signed up to volunteer. It's always a great event as it is a means for our club to give back to the community.

Later this month on the weekend of December 9th we have our annual

Bell Harbor Cruise. This will be packed with festivities, wine drinking, and shopping! Please reach out to Lisa Haistings if you want to sign up.

This is my last Sound Waves as Fleet Captain. Next year Mike Thompson has a great calendar that he has assembled and the club's cruising will be in great hands.

Happy Holidays everyone!

Recreational Boating Association of Washington (RBAW) Key 2017 Legislative & Regulatory Priorities

Legislative Priorities

Protect the Recreation Resource Account (“Boating Facilities Program”) appropriation in the 2017-19 Capital Budget: The BFP is expected to include nearly \$17.2 million, due to increased gas tax collections received by the state as a part of the 2015 “Connecting Washington” package. This funding level is nearly double usual levels, and *RBAW, the Northwest Marine Trade Association (NMTA), and other organizations supporting recreational boating will work actively to ensure this dedicated-account funding is not diverted or re-directed as the Legislature builds its 2017-19 Capital Budget.*

Ensure Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) funding legislation is focused heavily on a General Fund allocation and that Recreational Boaters are not disproportionately impacted: The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) will pursue a bill in 2017 to increase funding for AIS program education, awareness, and enforcement. *While RBAW supports this effort, it also joins several other stakeholders in recommending that the increased funding come largely from the state's General Fund and that user fees be minimized.* WDFW is considering a “small vessel permit fee” within its legislation, and RBAW has worked with the Agency to ensure a partial fee waiver for registered boaters who haul small vessels such as kayaks. Recreational boater already pay \$2 of their annual registration fee toward the AIS program – making boaters one of the only non-general-fund sources of AIS revenue for Fish and Wildlife. *Boaters already pay their fair share into this program and should not be further burdened.*

Ensure pending legislation to exempt the Des Moines and Oak Harbor municipal marinas from “Aquatic Land Lease” fees does not result in adverse costs for *other* marinas: *The RBAW, joined by NMTA, will express significant concerns with this legislation. In order for the state to exempt Des Moines and Oak Harbor, it likely means the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) would have to impose higher Aquatic Land Lease fees on other marinas, including those operated by community boating and yacht clubs. RBAW and NMTA will work to ensure this does not happen and would oppose any legislation that resulted in such a cost shift.*

Support Boating Safety legislation advanced by Washington State Parks: State Parks is expected to bring forth 2017 legislation to enhance boating safety, including measures to end the phase-ins of the Boating Education Card to add flexibility to the use of the funds for boating safety; a measure to allow for vessel impounds by law enforcement as a last resort; and a bill to exempt flare guns used by boaters from the “required background check” provisions of an Initiative previously passed by voters. *RBAW will support these measures.*

Ensuring a strong focus on outdoor recreation investment for any bill re-establishing a tourism marketing program at the state level: The Washington Tourism Alliance (WTA) will be promoting 2017 legislation to re-establish a funded tourism marketing program at the state level. *RBAW will support such legislation, but will also seek to ensure that within the legislation and expenditures related to tourism marketing, there be a strong focus on an outdoor recreation sector that generates nearly \$22 billion a year in revenue to the state and employs nearly 200,000 people. Recreational boating alone is a \$4 billion a year economic engine for the state.*

Regulatory Priorities

No Discharge Zone (NDZ) Proposal by the Department of Ecology (DOE): *RBAW and other members of the “Marine Alliance” continue to strongly oppose the establishment of an NDZ that would cover the entirety of the Puget Sound basin. The Marine Alliance has repeatedly proposed the idea of targeted NDZ zones similar to approaches used in California and the Chesapeake Bay area, but to no avail. RBAW is part of a legal challenge to the NDZ and will also push to ensure that if an NDZ is ultimately established, it include a five-year phase-in for recreational boaters just as it does for commercial vessels.*

Potential City of Seattle pilot project to restrict drawbridge openings at the Ballard, Fremont, and University bridges: Both RBAW and NMTA have raised significant concerns with this proposal and analyzed a significant body of data to show that scheduled bridge opening (vs. unrestricted openings) would have at best a miniscule impact on traffic. *Our organizations thus oppose the idea of a pilot project and will be joined in our opposition by the Washington Maritime Federation.*

Permanent navigational buoys on South Lake Union to serve Kenmore Air and others: The RBAW has taken a position in support of the placement of the buoys in a way that limits the impact on recreational boating.

Other Priorities

Big Tent Outdoor Recreation Coalition: The RBAW is a member of the “Big Tent” and continues to support and contribute to its efforts to raise the profile of the outdoor recreation sector. The Big Tent will hold its fifth annual Rally Day in Olympia on February 15, 2017.

PSYC Holiday Cruise

Bell Harbor Marina - - - December 09-11th

Friday

Mingle with cocktails and appetizers on the dock
Dinner on your own

Saturday

Breakfast on the dock

Enjoy the holiday festivities downtown Seattle on your own or with friends. Find that one of a kind ornament for the evening gift exchange and don't forget to wear that "Unique" holiday sweater you have had packed away.

Holiday Group Dinner at

Anthony's Pier 66

Ornament Exchange

"Unique" Holiday Sweater
Best Decorated Boat
Holiday MadLib Story contests

Sunday

Festive holiday continental breakfast on the dock.

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Join us for this festive holiday cruise downtown.

Summer cruising is now just a memory and the holidays are quickly upon us. Its time to decorate your boat and head downtown Seattle to enjoy in the city festivities. Take a ride on the Westlake Carousel; engage in a little shopping and take in a movie or play; visit Santa and see the gingerbread villages; grab some last minute decorating ideas and stroll to the Great Wheel to enjoy the Christmas ships on Saturday night; or just enjoy what this great city has to offer this time of year.

Sign up no later than the November General meeting; let Cindy or Lisa know if you will be bringing your boat or joining us at any point for the weekend activities.

YOU MUST CALL BELL HARBOR to make your first night's deposit at

(206) 787-3952

Slips will be assigned by the cruise committee, please let them know if you have a preference.





CRUISE PLANNING 2017

Tentative Schedule (Work in Progress)



At the Cruise & Socials Planning Meeting November 12th and the November General Meeting, the preliminary cruise schedule is listed below.

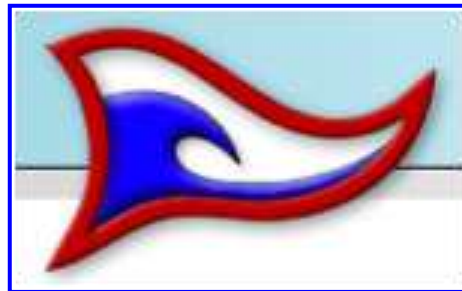
VOLUNTEERS (CAPTAINS/CO-CAPTAINS) are needed so that 2017 cruises will be successful!



Please contact Mike Thompson at 206.948.5323 or maddogremodeling@comcast.net if you can help or have something to share!

Dates	Location/Title	Captains	Comments
03/18/2017	Poker Run Cruise	NEED CAPTAINS	
03/24-2017— 03/27/2017	Gig Harbor Cruise	NEED CAPTAINS	Marina reservations have been made with Arabellas
04/07/2017— 04/09/2017	Edmonds Cruise	NEED CAPTAINS	Marina reservations have been made with Edmonds
05/26/2017— 05/29/2017	Memorial Day—Tacoma— Dock Street Marina	Hansen & Crew	Pat has 15 slips reserved and will try and make it 20
06/09/2017— 06/11/2017	Hat Island Golf	Zitkovich	Reservations have been made with Hat Island
08/18/2017— 08/21/2017	Andrews Bay Summer Fun	Kullmann	Anchor Out
09/01/2017— 09/04/2017	Labor Day—Everett	Josephson (B/C)	To confirm reservation dates with Everett
10/06/2017— 10/08/2017	Poulsbo Pool & Dart Tournament	Morton/Moore	Reservations have been made with Poulsbo
12/03/2017	Special Peoples Cruise	Kullmann	Clubhouse Event
12/08/2017— 12/10/2017	Bell Harbor	Josephson (B/C)	To confirm reservation dates with Bell Harbor Marina





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