

ECHO BOARD



Commodore's Report

Ahoy Tyee Family!

Our cruising season is off to an extraordinary start! The work party trips to our beloved outstation have our facility hale, hearty, and ship-shape for the summer season. I'll defer to Rear Commodore Ross Jackson to expound further, though I am deeply gratified that so many of our members took time to contribute in myriad ways. Thank you.



The Daffodil Marine Festival was a great success, and kudos to Tacoma Yacht Club for arranging the genuinely excellent weather and seas. Tyee was very well represented, with six boats, and many other members attending from terra firma. Tyee's Flagship vessel, *Symphony*, won 2nd place in her parade category; no doubt a combination of the lovingly applied decorations, the quality and presence of the vessel, and the supremely synchronized, utterly flawless saluting routine performed by the Bridge and PC Greer. Deepest

appreciation to PC Greer for her kind offer, and for expertly piloting her vessel through the parade route. The Daffodil trivia competition "bribe" has evolved into a spectacular vehicle for charity giving — perhaps stemming from Tyee initiating a "bribe" donation to the Orca Conservancy in 2022. Tyee's club contribution this year totaled \$2,000 to the ever-so-worthy Orca Network. Overall, all yacht clubs and seafaring organizations contributed over \$50K to many worthy charities, including RBAW. Thanks to the club at large for their generosity.



We also recently had our club's 77th Birthday Cruise to our pristine and welcoming outstation. We were again blessed with great weather, wonderful camaraderie, and copious delectable food selections. We enjoyed the company of several new members, christened four boats, swore-in two members — our outstation neighbors Nick Flaquer & Lauren Wilcox, and had a joyful golf tournament, dominated by the formidable "Bowthrusters" foursome.

Next up on our event schedule is Opening Day. Tyee has another full raft-up off Marsh Island led by the Pierantozzis; a



full week of races, parades, receptions, and general frivolity is assured. Tyee's contribution to the week's festivities is our annual Steak Fry on Saturday, May 4th [p. 6]. If you haven't yet RSVP'd or volunteered, you'll miss fine food, music, dancing, and partying with the broad Salish Sea yachting community.

Coming up is our annual Memorial Day cruise-in to our Eagle Harbor outstation. We traditionally coordinate with Queen City Yacht Club this weekend, with each of us hosting the other for happy hour at our respective amenities. This year, they have proposed an "Animal House" theme and have promised to up their game on the appetizer night they host. Details being worked with Fleet Captain Doug Hall, but expect togas, death-mobile dinghies, and food-fights as part of the celebrations.

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There are many more club events planned for the coming season, and all details are posted on the club website calendar.

Our next dinner meeting on Thursday, May 9th, is significant, as it is our annual business meeting, as well as our authorization of our new Bridge and Board of Trustee members. It is important we have a quorum for the associated votes, so please plan to attend and to enjoy the welcoming fellowship of Tyee.

Lastly, we would like to thank Greg Reddick for stepping up to help with this important monthly publication. He will be taking over for Suzanne Webster as *Echo Board* editor and working with co-editor Tonia Brown. We are immensely grateful to Suzanne for her excellent and thoughtful work starting with her illuminating Silver Linings member articles during COVID to her dedication and timely work on the *Echo Board* for the past three years. We look forward to working with Greg to produce our club's monthly newsletter starting in July.

In closing, we wish all of our Tyee friends and confidants fair winds and following seas and look forward to enjoying our boating life more with you all soon.

Cheers and Safe Sailing, Rick Nolte Commodore, Tyee Yacht Club

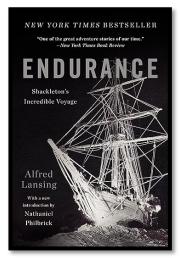


Please extend your gratitude to Suzanne for her Echo Board work & wish her fair winds and following seas as Fortitude departs for Alaska

May Book Club Announcement

The Tyee Book Club was formed in 2020 as a way for members to stay connected during the pandemic. While we've enjoyed discussing a wide variety of nautical-themed books and even had the benefit of author involvement at three of our meetings, participation has waned over time with in-person events taking priority. So, with boating season upon us and the pandemic in the rearview mirror, we are retiring the Tyee Book Club. Our last meeting is on Thursday, May 30th, at 7pm. We will be discussing the book Endurance, Shackleton's Incredible Voyage by Alfred Lansing. Join us via Zoom for our last discussion!

Experience "one of the best adventure books ever written" (Wall Street Journal) in this New York Times bestseller: the harrowing tale of British explorer Ernest Shackleton's 1914 attempt to reach the South Pole.



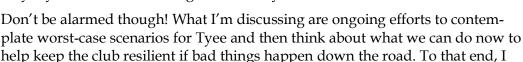
In August 1914, polar explorer Ernest Shackleton boarded the Endurance and set sail for Antarctica, where he planned to cross the last uncharted continent on foot. In January 1915, after battling its way through a thousand miles of pack ice and only a day's sail short of its destination, the Endurance became locked in an island of ice. Thus began the legendary ordeal of Shackleton and his crew of twenty-seven men. When their ship was finally crushed between two ice floes, they attempted a near-impossible journey over 850 miles of the South Atlantic's heaviest seas to the closest outpost of civilization.

In Endurance, the definitive account of Ernest Shackleton's fateful trip, Alfred Lansing brilliantly narrates the harrowing and miraculous voyage that has defined heroism for the modern age. *

*excerpt from Amazon.com

Board Chair's Report

May Day – or mayday? Did you know these two expressions are homophones – meaning they sound alike but don't mean the same thing? May Day is an ancient European festival signaling the beginning of summer, typically on May 1st. And mayday is the universal signal of distress, primarily in the aeronautical and nautical realms. It is derived from the French word *m'aidez*, which means "help me." So, given that this *Echo Board* will be arriving in your email box on May 1st, Happy May Day! However, I'm going to discuss something more aligned with mayday or, as I've been using, "Doomsday."





sent out a mayday and convened what I've been calling the "Doomsday Committee." This might sound a little melodramatic, but I bet it got your attention! The committee consisted of Bob Wise, Todd Dennett, Audrey Hicks, Andrea Pierantozzi, and myself. We got together via Zoom back in March to brainstorm on what vulnerabilities Tyee has to our ongoing viability. We discussed a variety of topics and thoughts with the biggest concerns coming down to two things:

- 1. We have an approximately \$400,000 mortgage that is now at 7.27% interest. It was taken out primarily for the remodeling of the Tyee Outstation.
- 2. We are dependent on having a viable tenant at Tyee East for the majority of our revenue, including paying off the mortgage.

If we lose our tenant and, therefore, our revenue, we can get into deep water quickly. Also, the loan is the primary liability we have and, if we can't pay it, the deep water gets deeper quickly. Therefore, we concluded that working to pay down the mortgage earlier would give the best fiscal bang for the buck. However, we also need to invest appropriately in Tyee East to keep it as a good venue for a tenant, which is TEI for the foreseeable future. So, we will be looking for ways to increase revenue and apply that extra revenue to pay down our debt. This will include revisiting renting moorage to members — long term at Tyee West and offseason moorage at Tyee East. And, as always, the Board would appreciate any ideas that members may have in this area. This objective is being factored into the 2024-25 budget, which is currently being developed by the Bridge, Board, and officers to take effect as of the 1st of July, which is the start of our fiscal year.

And, in other Board-related news, my term on the Board as PC ends as of the Change of Watch in June. Therefore, the Trustees will be electing one of their own as the new Board Chair at the May Board meeting (as

defined in the By-Laws). But I still have one more *Echo Board* to write, so stay tuned!

Cheers,
PC Scott Schoneman

Board Chair, Tyee Yacht Club

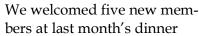
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Vice Commodore's Report

Ahoy Tyee Members,

As this is my second-to-last *Echo Board* report as Vice Commodore, I want to dedicate this month's article to something close to our hearts: our fantastic new members. It's been a stellar year for welcoming fresh faces into our Tyee family!



meeting (see photos below), and welcomed our Tyee Outstation neighbors Nick Flaquer & Lauren Wilcox into the fray at the Birthday Cruise weekend celebrations. Most recently, the board approved Kevin & Grace McCathren and David Cherniss & Scott Morrow, so they'll be sworn in at the next dinner meeting opportunity.

We've had a blast recruiting and introducing new folks at our dinner meetings. The club dinners have been buzzing with energy, and it's been awesome getting to know our newest club members at these gatherings. During our recent Birthday Cruise, it was great to see four out of the ten boats crewed by members who joined us in the last couple of months.

Let's keep this momentum going! I encourage all new members to dive into our activities, cruises, and socials. And tell your friends! Let's show them why Tyee Yacht Club is the place to be for boating enthusiasts around the Sound.

With Gratitude, Kaler Wise Vice Commodore, Tyee Yacht Club



Happy May Birthday, Tyee Members!

Laura Maas — 5th Steve Olsson — 13th Peter Ricks — 16th Priscilla High — 20th Barbara Smith — 21st Lindsey Jensen — 21st Rachael Wyman — 28th



Is your birthday missing? Login & update your info on the <u>Tyee member-only website</u>.

New Members!



Welcome new members! Nick Flaquer & Lauren Wilcox, Laura Mayes, Guy & Laura Maas, and Tom Ewing & Laura Stern

Daffodil Festival





Rear Commodore's Report

Hello Fellow Mariners,

Boating season is almost upon us, and our facilities are in good shape! If while visiting the Outstation you notice something that needs our attention, please contact me. Like they say, "If you see something, say something."

Tyee East has been spit-shined ready for Opening Day and Saturday night's Steak Fry. Don't



forget to sign up to attend &/or volunteer! Also, next time you are there take notice of our new entrance awning and parking lot striping.

Tyee West has a new look to it. You may notice that all the deck boards are showing their backside. Over 200 boards were turned over with a few being replaced. The corner of the deck was cleaned up by rerouting the waterline under the deck (not the fire suppression line). Also, thanks to Brett, the retaining wall between us and the western neighbor was completed.

Just as a reminder, if you are staying at the Outstation, there is a \$5 per night fee. Payable by cash or check in the pay box, or via our website (Ship Station) or PayPal. If you are attending a work party, no payment is due. There is no similar charge to stay at Tyee East.

Maritime Minute:

Where did SOS originate? The predecessor to SOS was CQD. CQD was a distress signal used by the British wireless operators in 1904. The first documented use of the SOS signal was in 1908 when T.D. Hauber signaled the distress of his vessel the *SS Arapahoe*. Many think

"SOS" stands for "save our ship", or "save our souls", but it actually doesn't stand for anything. It's just a Morse Code distress signal, made up of dots, dashes, and dots.

That is it for me. See you on the Sound!

Ross Jackson Rear Commodore, Tyee Yacht Club





Donna & her Daffodil pin collection



Thankfully ALL our Tyee Family must be taking their vitamins, because I have no one to report that needs our TLC (Tyee Loving Care). And, thankfully, PC Dorothy Dubia has reported that she is on the mend. I'm assuming everyone that attended the Birthday Cruise has recovered and is eagerly awaiting Opening Day. I know I am.

On the May calendar, besides Opening Day on the 5th, is Mother's Day on Sunday the 12th. I hope enough of you are blessed to still have your mother around. If you're thinking of flowers yet cannot personally deliver them, I have had very good luck with "Send Flowers" on the internet.

The next very important date in May is Memorial Day on Monday the 27th. A day that commemorates the men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle. In other words, the purpose of Memorial Day is to memorialize the veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. This day is not to be confused with Veterans Day, which occurs in November.

Healthfully submitted,
Donna Yellam
Sick Bay Chairperson, Tyee Yacht Club

Fleet Captain's Report

Ahoy Tyee Cruisers,

Cruising season started strong in April with Tyee Members participating in the Daffodil Marine Festival at Tacoma Yacht Club and the Tyee Outstation Birthday Cruise and Golf Tournament. We had beautiful weather for both cruises!

Memorial Day is just around the corner. Tyee celebrates the long weekend at our beautiful outstation and traditionally shares some events with Queen City YC. Highlights of the weekend include being hosted for happy hour and games at Queen City's outstation on Saturday, and hosting them for happy hour and yard games at our outstation on Sunday. Both clubs will participate in a patriotic decorated dinghy parade around Eagle Harbor with big money prizes. Tyee will also hold our annual milk carton boat derby. Identical kits with materials for this creative endeavor will



be available for purchase. It's a lot of fun! We will end the weekend with a brief, formal Memorial Day service on Monday morning followed by an opportunity for new member Tyee YC boat christenings. For more details and to register, go here: Memorial Day Sunset Cruise.

In June we'll be cruising to gorgeous Gig Harbor. Stay tuned for more info and register here: <u>Gig Harbor Sunset Cruise</u>.

Reminder: Make your Marina Slip Reservations for Going North 2024

Thanks to Kim Nolte, our Regatta Chair and GN24 Cruise Captain, for her leadership on our annual Going North 2024 Cruise: August 16-September 2. The entire journey is 324 miles, with eight stops including new ports for many of us: Nanaimo and Bowen Island, BC. Participate in any part of GN24 by registering accordingly on our Tyee Going North 2024 webpage. Kim created the Going North 2024 Reservation Guide (p. 9) to help you make your own reservations for the various ports we will be visiting. Make your reservations as soon as possible as many of these marinas will book up in the coming months. Advise each port in comments, or verbally, that you are part of the Tyee YC Group.

Note the Cruise Dates in the **Tyee Yacht Club Cruise Calendar 2024** [p. 9] and plan your vacation time to join as many cruises as possible.

Email me at fleetcaptain@tyeeyachtclub.org for more information on any of the upcoming cruises.

Doug Hall, Fleet Captain, Tyee Yacht Club

Going North 2024 **Cruise Overview** ott Bay Marina > Port Tues 8/16 8/26 Sun Wed oria BC 8/18 8/28 ictoria BC > ender Isl. Poet's Co Fri ntwood Bay/Tod Ir he Harbor WA 8/30 8/20 Mon 1 Hours 48.5 NM Telegraph Harbor, Thetis 8/24 4 Hours 18.8 NM

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Tyee Yacht Club Cruise Calendar 2024

Dates	Destination/Event	
May 1-5	Seattle YC Opening Day	
May 24-27	Memorial Day Sunset Cruise, Tyee Outstation	
June 14-16	Gig Harbor Sunset Cruise	
June 28-30	Bremerton Bridge Blast	
July 2-6	Alderbrook July 4 "Thunder on the Canal"	
July 4+	July 4 th Sunset Cruise, Tyee West Outstation	
Aug 16-Sept 2	Going North 2024	
Sept 20-22	September Sunset Cruise to Poulsbo	
Oct 24-27	Pumpkin Hack Cruise, Bell Harbor	
Nov 22-24	Sunset Cruise to Tyee West Outstation	
Nov 30	Associates Cruise, Lake Union	
Dec 1	Seafair Holiday Cruise & Boat Parade, Lake Union	
Dec 30-Jan 2	New Year's Eve Bash, Tyee West Outstation	



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Roche Harbor Marina, WA

Going North 2024 Reservation Guide Contact **Date Port** Phone Website 8/16-8/17 Point Hudson Marina 360-385-2828 https://www.camplife.com/1403/reservation/step1 8/18-8/19 Victoria BC Causeway Marina 250-383-8326 https://gvha.ca/marinas-facilities/reservations/ 8/20-8/21 Brentwood Bay Resort Marina 250-652-3151 https://brentwoodbayresort.com/marina/ 8/22-Thetis Island, https://www.telegraphharbour.com/ 8/23 Telegraph Harbor 250-246-9511 reservations#reserve-today https://npa.ca/marina/marina-operations/reservation-8/24-8/25 Nanaimo Port Authority, BC 250-754-5053 process/? 8/26-604-947-0707 8/27 Bowen Island, BC https://www.unionsteamshipmarina.com/ x 1 8/28-8/29 Poet's Cove Marina, BC 250-629-2100 https://www.poetscove.com/ 8/30-

https://www.rocheharbor.com/marina/

800-586-3590

Happy Birthday Tyee!





RBAW Wins Pumpout Grants

We are excited to announce that RBAW has been awarded two competitive grants to provide free pumpout services to boaters, one near term and one far-

ther in the future. First, the federal government provides pumpout monies to the states through the Clean Vessel Act and Washington State Parks manages these grants.



RBAW will be managing a three-year program with 48 annual weekend days and holidays from Memorial Day through October in Liberty Bay (Poulsbo), Eagle Harbor (Bainbridge Island,) and Blake Island State Marine Park. A third party will be performing the service, but RBAW must provide 25% matching funds, so it is actively seeking donations from municipalities, foundations, and others to raise these funds.

Secondly, RBAW will manage the building of a pumpout vessel, which will take about a year to build and will then seek a 2025 CVA grant to provide free pumpouts to an area yet to be determined.

Lakebay Marina Open House

There will be an Open House for the Lakebay Marina Project on April 29 at 5pm to be held at the Key Peninsula Civic Center, 17010 S. Vaughn Rd NW, Vaughn, WA.



Lakebay Marina Redevelopment

The local community of Lakebay Marina as well as the general public is invited. There will be a short project presentation and then an open mic session to get community input on the ongoing project to renovate the property by Department of Natural Resources before turning it over to WA State Parks to manage as a new addition to their state marine park locations for all boaters to enjoy. Lakebay Marina is in the South Sound adjacent to Penrose Point State Park. RBAW was the driving force in salvaging this property for boaters rather than waiting for the derelict property to be bought up by developers for commercial purposes. Continuing donations to the RBAW Marine Parks Conservancy 501C3 fund are gladly accepted.

Please see <u>rbaw.org</u> for more information on the above plus much more!!

Craig Pierantozzi RBAW Delegate, Tyee Yacht Club

Boat Christenings @ the Birthday Cruise







Reciprocals Report

Welcome reciprocals adventurers. This month we are finishing our exploration of the reciprocal moorage available to us without taking our boats into that nasty saltwater outside the locks. Last month we looked at Bellevue, Queen City, and Rainier Yacht Clubs, but surprise! — there are three more in the fresh water.

Reciprocals - Lake Union



Puget Sound Yacht Club is located almost directly across from our clubhouse and dock on Lake Union. It's east of Gas Works Park and just west of the boat ramp. This location gives you a different perspective from our dock and a beautiful view of downtown. Gas Works Park and Fisheries are within walking distance, as are some restaurants and cafes. There is reciprocal space up to 55' with some overhang on the east side of the south end of their dock. Their members get first dibs on the reciprocal dock. Secondary reciprocal moorage may be assigned in a vacant member slip. You can stay up to 2 days, 4 days in a 4-month period, and 12 total per calendar year. Water, restrooms, showers, Wi-Fi, and laundry are available with \$5 for power.

I know I said there were three more, and I only covered one. You will have to tune in next month for the last two inside the locks. These other two have a twist that I want to cover in more detail.

You can have an inexpensive boating vacation without ever leaving the fresh water. Just make sure to confirm the details on <u>Sign In - Yachting Destinations</u> or on Tyee's website before you go. Remember, reciprocals are first come, first served, so have a plan B just in case.

We are going to be exploring lots of reciprocal options. If you have a favorite, please let me know which and why, and we will share it. Also, if you are interested in being on the Reciprocals Committee, please contact me at reciprocals@tyeeyachtclub.org.

Lynn Heesen *Reciprocals Chair, Tyee Yacht Club*

April Dinner Meeting Photos





Daffodil Trivia



Upcoming Events & Cruises

Details about upcoming events can be found on the Tyee website at www.tyeeyachtclub.com.

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1-5	Opening Day Festivities	Various – Lake WA, SYC & Tyee East	extended
4	Tyee Steak Fry	Tyee East – Lake Union	5:00 pm
5	Breakfast Cruise to QCYC	Queen City YC	8:30-11:00 am
5	Steak Fry Cleanup	Tyee East – Lake Union	11:00 am
9	Tyee Dinner Meeting	Tyee East — Lake Union	5:30 pm
21	Tyee Board Meeting	Virtual	6:30 pm
24-27	Memorial Day Cruise	Tyee West – Bainbridge	weekend
30	FINAL Tyee Book Club Meeting!	Virtual	7:00 pm
June			
13	Tyee Dinner Meeting & COW	Tyee East – Lake Union	5:30 pm
14-16	Sunset Cruise	Gig Harbor	weekend
29-7/1	Bremerton Bridge Blast	Bremerton	weekend
July			
2 -5	4th of July Club Cruise at Alderbrook	Alderbrook Resort	extended
11	Tyee Dinner Meeting	Tyee East—Lake Union	5:30 pm

May

Bridge, Board, Officers & Committee Chairs

Find contact info for your Tyee leadership at the following links (all links require logging in with your Tyee credentials):

Bridge
Board
Officers
Committee Chairs

Looking for a fellow Tyee member?
Go to:
https://www.tyeeyachtclub.org/roster

\$ PayPal Available for Tyee West Fees \$

Simply search "treasurer@tyeeyachtclub.org" from PayPal to make a payment. Fees are \$6/ night to cover the online payment convenience fees the club will incur. Please indicate the dates and number of nights you're paying for in the notes section.

Questions: contact Alan Scott at treasurer@tyeeyachtclub.org.

facebook

Are you a member of our Tyee Yacht Club <u>Facebook Group</u>?

If not, be sure you send a request to join! Lots of great photos & information are shared on this page!

Unsure how to join?
Reach out to the Communications Committee at communications@tyeeyachtclub.org



Tyee Yacht Club

✓ Joined

Member since October 2016

No cruising club blends the waters of Puget Sound and fun better than Tyee Yacht Club! With family cruises yea...

May Dinner Menu

Gluten-Free Dinner Buffet

Bread & Butter

Classic Caesar Salad with parmesan & GF croutons

Spring Greens with tomatoes and balsamic vinaigrette V/DF/GF

Pan Seared Chicken Breast in a light cream

caper sauce GF

Mashed Potatoes GF/V

Seasonal Vegetable GF/V

Vegan Meal

Vegan Chic Cutlets w/ lemon sauce *Vegan

Assorted Sweets Selection served after dinner with self-serve coffee



Congratulations to Tyee member & airline Captain
Lisa Snider on her retirement! After 36 years of flying – 22 of them with Frontier, Lisa's final flight is
May 9th – after which she'll have plenty of time to cruise with her wife Vicky, work on her Tolly and talk about boats!

Well done, Lisa!

TYEE YACHT CLUB

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