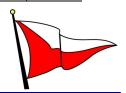


# ECHO BOARD



## Commodore's Report

Time marches on! Here we are in March, only a few weeks away from the start of Spring (in the astronomical, if not the meteorological sense!). As spring is the time of renewal, it's a good time to contemplate how we can improve.

I sincerely encourage all members to share any suggestions or concerns they may have with how we are doing as a club and how the club leadership is meeting members' needs—or where we



can improve. I welcome any constructive criticism and, especially, any recommendations on related improvements. This includes the Bridge, Board of Trustees, and any other elements of the club.

Our By-Laws define the club's mission as follows:

Article 2.1. The mission of Tyee Yacht Club is to bring together members of the community to promote a family-oriented club focused on fun and responsible boating.

As Commodore, I have the role of overseeing "all non-business functions of club" as defined in the By-Laws. So, anything that can help us to better achieve our mission, I want to hear about! There are still a few months left in my turn as Commodore, so I still have the chance to implement ideas and improvements. And, if not feasible in this club year, any input will also be useful to the incoming Bridge in planning for 2023-24.

One other item related to renewal is the work of the nominating committee. PC Dorothy Dubia graciously agreed to be the Chair of the Committee. We took nominations and elected four members to join Dorothy



and assemble a slate of candidates for our elected positions. The four members who volunteered and were elected are: VC Rick Nolte, Audrey Hicks, Alan Scott, and Elisa Sansalone. The critical positions that are to be filled for next year are an incoming **Rear Commodore and three Board of Trustees seats**. Other positions, such as Treasurer and Secretary are also elected officers, though the incumbents are planning to continue in their roles, so we don't need new nominees. If anyone has interest in joining the Bridge as Rear Commodore or becoming a



Board Trustee, please let Dorothy or any member of the nominating committee know soon. The slate of nominees will be presented at the April Dinner Meeting and voted on at the Annual Meeting in May.

And, finally, let's get our boats ready and renew our enthusiasm for cruising with our Tyee family! We are getting some great events lined up for the coming Spring and Summer months that you won't want to miss! Keep your eyes open for further communications and check out the reports that follow.

Cheers,
Scott Schoneman
Commodore, Tyee Yacht Club
Commodore@tyeeyachtclub.org

## **Board Chair's Report**

The board has performed its annual review of initiation fees and annual dues.

We looked at the history of our initiation fees and dues, how the club has changed, and how Western Washington has changed, as part of our review.

The fees and dues were last changed in 2011 – we have charged the same amount for 12 years. In those 12 years:

- 1) We have invested \$500K into our Tyee West clubhouse, increasing the value of membership.
- 2) Inflation over those 12 years has decreased the buying power of the dollar 33%. Generally, it takes \$1.33 to buy the same thing it took just \$1 in 2011. (Bureau of Labor Statistics)
- 3) Cost of Living data show an even bigger difference between 2011 and 2023 in Washington state. It shows the Cost of Living in Washington state is up 71% in those 12 years.
- 4) Boating has increased in popularity in Puget Sound as well, increasing the value of membership in a yacht club.

Based on our value going up, and our costs going up while our membership revenue remains flat, we concluded that we should raise our dues and initiation fees. We had deferred this topic for a couple of years due to COVID.

In order to meet our remaining responsibilities, we owe you a proposal in next month's *Echo Board*, and we would then vote on that proposal in our Annual Meeting held in May.

As always, we encourage you to participate in the dialogue around club, board, and membership issues.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Michell,

Board Chair, Tyee Yacht Club

# **Upcoming Events & Cruises**

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

March			
5	Tyee Prospective Member Dock Party	Tyee East – Lake Union	4:00-7:00 pm
9	Tyee Dinner Meeting	Tyee East – Lake Union	5:30 pm
14	Tyee Board Meeting	Virtual	6:30 pm
16	WIC Luncheon	Everett YC @ Floral Hall Everett	11:30am
20	<u>Daffodil Festival Registration Deadline</u>		
23	Tyee Book Club	Virtual	7:00 pm
31-4/2	Tyee West Spring Clean Up Work Party	Tyee West – Bainbridge Island	weekend
April			
8	Tyee "Land" Cruise	Hydroplane Museum – Kent	10:30am-1:30pm
13	Tyee Dinner Meeting	Tyee East – Lake Union	5:30 pm
14-16	Daffodil Marine Festival	Tacoma YC	weekend
18	Tyee Board Meeting	Virtual	6:30 pm
21-23	Tyee East Clean Up Party	Tyee East – Lake Union	weekend
28-30	Tyee West's 50th Birthday Weekend	Tyee West – Bainbridge Island	weekend



## Vice Commodore's Report

Ahoy Tyee!

I'd like to start by expressing a gigantic **THANK YOU** to the club at large for the truly wonderful support in volunteering for the Great Seattle Boat Show booth from February 3-11<sup>th</sup>. We had over 33 club members formally commit to booth duty, and several others who helped fill in ad-hoc gaps and coverage. The result was 41 contact cards for



prospective members, with follow-up cajoling already well underway.

We have already gotten verbal confirmation from two show attendees on their intent to join Tyee, with another nine (as of this writing) having registered for the Prospective Member Dock Party coming up on March 5th from 4:00-7:00 pm. This is a huge start to recruiting new members for the coming year, and the friendly, welcoming character of our club shone brightly throughout the show. Again, thank you all so much for your generosity with your time and hearts.

If you haven't already, we can still use more members to sign-up to attend the March 5<sup>th</sup> Prospective Member Dock Party. Unquestionably, the biggest reason to join Tyee is our members. Sure, we do a lot of cruising, learning, celebrating, and pursuit of general joy, but our jovial and open-hearted members are at the core of everything we do.

The Dock Party is structured as an appetizer/finger-food potluck with the sumptuous victuals provided by our members. We will provide basic beer and wine, but the bar will not be open; so, if you want something special, feel free to bring whatever you want. There is no cost for this event to our members or guests, and you can register here: <a href="Dock Party Registration">Dock Party Registration</a>.

That's the gist from your trusty VC for this month. We'll look forward to seeing many of you soon, as well as out on the water.

Cheers, Rick Nolte *Vice Commodore, Tyee Yacht Club* 

# Happy March Birthday Tyee Members!

Barbara R Schwartz — 2nd R. E. "Mike" Hicks — 14th Patricia Lightfoot — 17th Erin Graf — 25th Phillip Frost — 27th Lissa Thompson — 27th



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



In the final analysis, the overall show this year was a great success. There were 289 businesses/exhibitors who participated in the 76th Seattle Boat Show, with attendance up 29% at 35,151 (vs. 2022). The latest issue of <a href="WaterLife">WaterLife</a> features show photos, a recap of media coverage, and links to some favorite stories.

# The Tyee Booth at the Seattle Boat Show









# Zoom Away With Tyee!

Join your Tyee family for a land cruise to the <u>Hydroplane Museum</u>, followed by an optional lunch at close-by Barbecue Pete's on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Located in Kent, the museum is the nation's only museum dedicated to hydroplane racing. Home to memorabilia, rare racing footage, and a collection of vintage hydroplanes spanning seven decades, it's the only place in the world where you can get up close and personal with high-speed powerboats.

View some of the most famous boats to grace the sport and learn about drivers from yesterday and today. The museum also has more than 200 hours of vintage racing films covering hydroplane racing from the 1940s to the present.

HYDROPLAINE & RACEBOAT

A volunteer from the museum will lead us on a tour starting at 10:30 am through this small, but packed, museum.

Please register your attendance <u>here</u> so we can tell the museum how many to expect. The admission of \$10, or \$5 for seniors over 60 and students, can be paid at the door.

## Rear Commodore's Report

Hello Tyee Family,

I really need to share and express my gratitude with you. I have truly enjoyed my first year of getting to know other yacht clubs of the Grand 14, being your Rear Commodore, and representing Tyee Yacht Club. The experience has the added value of learning more about myself along with building lifelong



friendships in the local boating community. I'm truly proud to represent our membership of Tyee Yacht Club.

Earlier in February, Poulsbo YC had their rodeo-themed Junior Officers Ball, and let me tell you—Poulsbo YC sure knows how throw a wonderful party, along with a fun-filled theme for the weekend.

Speaking of fun weekends, mark your calendars for the first upcoming work party! Our spring clean up work party for Tyee West is March 31st through April 2nd.

I'm asking for members to volunteer to head over to our beautiful outstation and spruce it up for the upcoming boating season. A membership email will be sent out with more detailed information for upcoming tasks to sign up for. Certainly, let me know if you have questions.

We also have a work party for Tyee East, our main clubhouse on the weekend of April 14-16. This will be another wonderful opportunity to volunteer and pitch in

with catching up on some maintenance and clean up at our clubhouse prior to opening day weekend and the boating season to come. A membership email will be sent out with more details along with a sign-up list of small projects that need to be completed.

In closing, I hope everyone has been safe and sound during the recent cold snap we have a been experiencing. Stay safe.

Kaler Wise Rear Commodore, Tyee Yacht Club



Happy February to the Tyee Family!

I'm writing my report on a day that snow is predicted for tomorrow. Well, I just say hang in there—Spring is only 26 days away.

I checked on our Julie Mealing, who couldn't make the dinner meeting last month. She fortunately got well quickly, so we'll be seeing her in March to adjourn the meeting. Jay & Linda Emory weren't at the last meeting either. During their motorhome trip, Jay had an emergency hernia surgery. He is all healed up now and on their way to Hawaii for two weeks.

Dennis O'Neal, who has been a member since 1996, is having heart surgery on March 8th. His wife Renee is a Past Commodore. A card has been sent offering good wishes and prayers.

Important dates on the calendar for March besides the first day of Spring on the 20<sup>th</sup> are St. Patrick's Day on the 17<sup>th</sup> and a don't forget to set your clocks ahead on Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup>.

YAY!!! Spring and Daylight Saving Time starting soon. I'm ready. Until then persevere with the crazy weather we've been having and

#### **Keep Taking Your Vitamins!**

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



# February Dinner Meeting & New Member Inductions!





New members Brett & Jasa Davis



The swearing in of: Jon & Deb Seger and Jasa & Brett Davis.

Welcome to Tyee!



Check out more photos on the Tyee member Facebook page

# Fleet Captain's Report

Hi Tyee Cruisers!

Get out your calendar and save these cruise dates. And, think about volunteering to be a Cruise Captain! Email at <a href="mailto:fleetcaptain@tyeeyachtclub.org">fleetcaptain@tyeeyachtclub.org</a> for volunteer information.

Please note the following cruise schedule updates and clarifications:

- The July 3-4 Cruise is planned as in past years with July 3<sup>rd</sup> at Poulsbo YC and July 4<sup>th</sup> gathering at Tyee West. We will have a second small cruise to Alderbrook Resort if slips are still available.
- The August Club Cruise currently has no destination. If you volunteer as Cruise Captain, you can choose your favorite port!
- The September Fall Sunset Cruise (9/30-10/3) will potentially be to Alderbrook Resort, pending an agreement with the Harbormaster.



Tyee West Birthday Cruise, April 28-30

May Opening Day 2023, May 4-7

Memorial Day Sunset Cruise, Tyee West, May 26-29

<u>June</u> Monthly Club Cruise, Gig Harbor, June 9-11

Sunset Cruise, Tyee West June 16-18

July Monthly Club Cruise, Poulsbo YC, June 30- July 4

Sunset Cruise, Tyee West July 21-23

<u>August</u> Monthly Club Cruise, August 4-6

Going North 2023, August 18-September 4 w/ Kim Nolte as Cruise Captain

Sunset Cruise, Tyee West, August 18-20

September Going North 2023 August 18-September 4

Tyee West Fall Clean Up Cruise September 16-18 Fall Sunset Cruise, TBD, September 30-October 3

October Pumpkin Hack Cruise, Bell Harbor Seattle, October 20-22

Doug Hall, Fleet Captain, Tyee Yacht Club









Tyee Members,

### 2023 Legislative Day was a success!

On January 26th, members of RBAW and the Northwest Marine Trade Association (NMTA) held the annual "Legislative Day" in Olympia to meet with legislators and discuss priority asks for the 2023 legislative session. Key items discussed are covered below and included educating legislators on the importance of pump outs and Lake Bay Marina capital funding for this session, as well as various other policy proposals before the legislature. Over 25 members between RBAW and NMTA participated and were able to meet with 17 legislators to discuss pertinent issues for recreational boating. 2023 Legislative Day was a great success, and culminated with a fabulous reception at the Olympia Yacht Club.

### Legislation Relating to Modifying Boater Safety and Education Requirements

Legislation was just introduced to modify the boater safety and education requirements. In short, the bill seeks to add those operating "human-powered vessels" (think paddleboards, kayaks, etc.) to obtain boating safety education and carry a Paddlecraft Education Card. It also makes several undesirable changes to the current Boater Education Card program, undoing past efforts.

#### \$2M Funding Request for more Mobile Pump Out Services

RBAW continues to work with a coalition of environmental groups, recreational boating organizations, tug operators, and Washington State Parks on a 2023-25 Capital Budget request of \$2 million for pump-out capacity in the state. Half of this request (\$1m) is for expanding mobile pump-out capacity in the state, while the other half of the ask (\$1m) is to establish a commercial pump-out operation for commercial vessels likely to be located at the Port of Anacortes.

#### Legislation Relating to Protecting Southern Resident Orcas from Vessels (SB 5371/HB 1145)

Companion bills have been introduced this session relating to 'protecting southern resident orcas from vessels' as the title of the legislation indicates. In short, this bill would increase the distance a vessel must maintain from a southern resident orca (SRKW) from 300 and 400 yards to 1,000 yards total. RBAW President Bob Wise testified at the hearing and raised questions regarding how vessels would know what 1,000 yards is (almost 6/10<sup>th</sup> of a mile), how vessel operators would know what type of orca it would be from that far away, and how this would be enforced. RBAW will work through these concerns to see if the legislation can be amended to find something that is feasible and workable.

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

Craig Pierantozzi

RBAW Delegate, Tyee Yacht Club



100 metres/yards no approach zone for all other marine mammals in US & Canada; and keep 200 metres away from whales, dolphins or porpoises if they are resting or with their calf.

# **WIC Report**

Ten ladies attended the WIC luncheon at Queen City YC on Thursday, February 16. The speaker was David Williams, naturalist and author, who had many stories to tell about history in and around Puget Sound. Of course of interest to us all as boaters was the history of water transportation over the years on the Sound and Lake Union. David had several of his books for sale, one of which was called Seattle Walks—Discovering History and Nature in the City that many ladies purchased. It is so nice to have a signed copy by the author. Prior to the luncheon, 2022 WIC President Luzia Hamlin, Port Orchard YC, turned the presidential gavel over to Kathy VanderHook of Seattle YC. Congratulations Kathy!

Everett YC will be hosting the March 16th WIC luncheon. Due to the ongoing remodel at the club, they will be holding the luncheon at Floral Hall, 802 East Mukilteo Blvd. #205, Everett, WA 98203. Their speaker will be Sally Mizroch, who was a whale researcher at Alaska Fisheries Center in Seattle from 1977-2016 where she founded Blue Sea Research. She spent 180 days searching for whales in the vast North Pacific on a Japanese research ship. I am sure she will have a very interesting presentation. Social hour begins at 11:00 and lunch of sandwiches, salad, carrot cake and champagne mimosas will be served at noon. The cost to attend is \$20.00 and checks can be made out to me and sent before March 5 to 9327 215th St. SW, Edmonds, WA 98020.

Lani Hassenstab

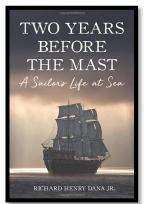
WIC Representative for Tyee & Past WIC President



February WIC Luncheon attendees

# **Tyee Book Club**

The Tyee Book Club has adjusted the meeting



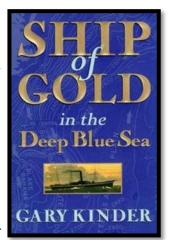
schedule to every other month: same time (7pm) & same day (Thursday). See the event calendar on the website for Zoom links.

The next meeting is Thursday, March 23, at 7pm to discuss the book *Two Years Before the Mast*, a memoir by the American author Richard Hen-

ry Dana Jr., published in 1840, written after a two-year sea voyage from Boston to California on a merchant ship starting in 1834.

We will meet again on **Thursday, May 25**, at 7pm to discuss *Ship of Gold in the Deep Blue Sea* by Gary Kinder. This book is written by a friend of Alan Scott's. It is the true story of the recovery operation from the SS Central America and

all of its treasure. Ship of Gold in the Deep Blue Sea tells the story of the sinking of the SS Central America, a side-wheel steamer carrying nearly six hundred passengers returning from the California Gold Rush, two hundred miles off the Carolina coast in September 1857. Over four hundred lives and twenty-one tons of California



gold were lost. It was the worst peacetime disaster at sea in American history, a tragedy that remained lost in legend for over a century. We will be inviting the author to attend our meeting. We hope many Tyee members can come and enjoy this interesting experience.

### Tyee Ship's Store: new on TyeeYachtClub.org

### **Local Ship's Store Items**

Drink Tickets, Burgees, Tyee West Docking & More



- Order Tyee Member Name Tags
- Purchase a replacement Tyee Burgee
- Purchase Dinner Meeting Drink Tickets
- Pay Tyee West Docking Fees
- Purchase available Tyee Merchandise (hats, visors, acrylic wine glasses, license plate frames, can cozies & more)

### **Order Tyee Apparel from Online Store**

Embroidered Items from Land's End with Tyee Logo



- Mens and Womens apparel items, plus hats, bags & towels, customized with your choice of Tyee Logo
- Order, pay for & ship directly from Lands End through Tyee's Online Store
- For questions or order help, please contact Juli.Auckerman@gmail.com

### Welcome to Tyee's Online Store from Lands End

- Tyee members can select, order, pay for & receive a range of embroidered apparel & promo items directly from Land's End, with a choice of Tyee logos
- No minimum order size and no set up fees (only \$6.95 per logo per location)
- No overhead for Tyee, no inventory to pre-pay and manage (no Tyee markup)
- Typical turnaround time is 2-3 weeks (multiple shipping options available)
- Pre-selected popular items for Tyee. Embroidery only (no screen print). *Additional standard Lands End items can be made available on request.*

### How to Order:

- Click on the link from the Tyee Website or (business.landsend.com/store/tyeeyc/)
- Enter passcode Tyee1946
- Sign in or create a new account
- Select desired item
- Select logo design & placement & add to bag
- Option to add boat name in special instructions
- Specify shipping & payment info to complete



### Now available on the Tyee Ship's Store:

Get available promo codes order discounts

Download step by step ordering instructions

For questions or order help, please contact <u>Juli.Auckerman@gmail.com</u> or request from check in desk at Tyee monthly dinner meeting.

# 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 <a href="mailto:communications@tyeeyachtclub.org">communications@tyeeyachtclub.org</a>



Tyee Yacht Club

✓ Joined

Member since October 2016

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### March Dinner Meeting Menu

### Gluten-Free Dinner Buffet

**Harvest Salad** *greens, tomatoes, red onions, cucumbers, sides of croutons, choice of red wine vinaigrette V/DF/GF & creamy classic ranch GF* 

**Steak Medallions** w/ red wine demi-glace GF/DF

House Mashed Potatoes GF/Vegan
Seasonal Vegetable GF/Vegan
House Rolls w/ Butter

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VEGAN/GF meal option: Marinated, grilled portabella w/ vegan mashed potatoes

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**Assorted Sweets** selection served after dinner with self-serve coffee

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All members must pay in advance through the registration process on the Tyee website.

Register by March 3rd here



Prospective members Wendy & Steve Rittereiser at the February Dinner Meeting

### TYEE YACHT CLUB

117 East Louisa Street #723 Seattle, WA 98102

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