#### **Tyee Yacht Club**

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## **Commodore's Report**

Hi Tyee! I am honored to be your Commodore for our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year and look forward to a year that hopefully is our homecoming year: back to connection, community, and empathy together, enjoying our beautifully decorated Main Station. Scott, Rick, and Kat, as our new Fleet Captain, will do a wonderful job.



Thank you all who were able to attend

the mostly virtual Change of Watch (COW). JoAnn brought her full storytelling skills to the Master of Ceremonies role (I'm so happy we have that recorded), and we worked through trying to remember how we did that last year. It doesn't get easier. Ha!

#### **Events and Cruising**

Please continue to share your amazing events and travels. Fun to see people connecting via Slack and Facebook planning "virtual Tyee Cruises". Meanwhile we have a few actual Tyee events to which to look forward. Check out more in Scott's report about our Tyee Main Station Open House and Kat's Cruising calendar for our 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities.

Our July Dinner Meeting will be virtual and we have no dinner meeting in person. I look forward to doing it up right in September pending the latest local guidelines, which Tyee follows.

Finally, we are working on the roster! Make sure your latest information is up to date online and send in any pictures per my June 17 email.

Stay safe and enjoy the beautiful weather and cruising!

Jennifer Greer *Commodore, Tyee Yacht Club* 



PS: Check out the membership recruitment results on page 11!

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7/19 Norma Lozano
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Is your birthday missing? Login & update your info on the <u>Tyee member-only website</u>.

## **Board Chair's Report**

Welcome to the new Board and Bridge members! This month the board is working on finalizing the club's annual budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1. Our focus remains keeping the club financially stable as we emerge from the pandemic.

We're looking forward to meeting back in person this fall for

dinner meetings. In the meantime, we hope to visit with you out on the water this summer. See you soon!

Todd Dennett Board Chair, Tyee Yacht Club



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### 2021 Awards

Immediate Past Commodore Matt Brown awarded Skipper of the Year to Steve Olsson for attending the most club cruise events k the Burgee of Merit to **Suzanne** Webster for outstanding contribu-

tions to the club with her Silver Linings articles in the Echo Board during COVID.

Congrats to both!



Gorgeous shot of Rendezvous & Conundrum in Garrison Bay by Steve Mitchell

#### **Upcoming Events & Cruises** Details about upcoming events can be found on the Tyee website at www.tyeeyachtclub.com. In addition, please find the full year's calendar in your Tyee Yacht Club Roster. July 2-5 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration Cruise Tyee West Outstation – Bainbridge Weekend Type Dinner Meeting VIRTUAL MEETING (details @ reg link) 6:00 pm 8 **Tyee Board Meeting** 20 Virtual 6:30 pm Tyee Book Club (4th Thursdays) 22 Virtual 7:00 pm August No August Dinner Meeting **Tyee Board Meeting** Virtual 6:30 pm 17 Tyee Book Club 26 Virtual 7:00 pm For more upcoming cruises, see the 2021 Cruise Schedule

#### Tyee Yacht Club

## Vice Commodore's Report

Hey, look I got a new photo! With two stars on my collar! It's hard to believe a year has passed since I wrote my first *Echo Board* report as RC. We had a fun COW meeting, even if we still couldn't have everyone there in person. I am looking forward to our first in -person meeting in September, after what we hope is our final fully virtual meeting in July.



In the meantime, we are making plans for a "Welcome Back" Open House at Tyee East on Sunday afternoon, July 11. Many members have not had a chance to see the clubhouse since we had to transition to COVID-safe virtual meetings last Spring. However, while we've been away, our tenant, The Extra Ingredient, has done some great upgrades and the place is looking fabulous. We also had a work party the last weekend in June to get some other maintenance and repair items checked off the list [see pic below & pics on FB]. So, we would like to give everyone a chance to drop by and get reacquainted with the new-and-improved clubhouse, see each other in person, and have with a bite to eat and a refreshing summer beverage or few. Block off your calendars for the afternoon of July 11th and keep a look out for a Tyee message with more details coming soon to your email inbox!

Otherwise, I'm still working to get 'on plane' with my new VC responsibilities. Next month I will have the usual updates on new members, recruitment, and member activities. Until then, continue to spread the word about Tyee to any boater friends and acquaintances to help bring them on board!

Cheers – and Happy Cruising! Scott Schoneman *Vice Commodore, Tyee Yacht Club* 





Tyee's VC Scott & Lisa Schoneman

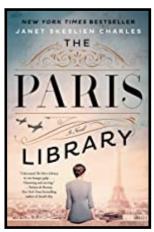
## Tyee Book Club

The next book club meeting is Thursday, July 22, at 7:00pm via <u>Zoom</u>. The selected book is <u>The Paris Library</u> by Janet Skeslien Charles.

Based on the true World War II story of the heroic

librarians at the American Library in Paris, this novel is an unforgettable story of romance, friendship, family, and the power of literature to bring us together.

Anyone can join the book club at any point! Mark your calendars for the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month, watch for new book announcements via Facebook or the *Echo Board*, and check in with Mary Allison if you have questions. See you there!



## **Rear Commodore's Report**

Hello Tyee Cohorts,

As your shiny, albeit humble, new Rear Commodore, let me first express my gratitude for your trust. While the pomp and circumstance of the mores may at times elude a plebeian such as I, I'll nonetheless earnestly endeavor to minimize embarrassments to myself, as well as the Tyee Family at large.



When Kim and I retired from a collective ~80 years in the yoke of corporate servitude a bit over 3 years ago, our ambitions were many. My intent was to be a man of leisure and contemplation; and to play the ukulele. What possible better vehicle for realizing these aspirations than to buy a boat? And then to join a cruising, education, family and community-focused boating club! And then become a member of the bridge! Sigh... Among her myriad métiers, Kim finds time to serve as *Scoutabout*'s able and spirited first mate. I have little time for leisure or contemplation, but do find odd opportunities to strum a uke.

As we emerge from what must certainly be the strangest 15 months of our lifetimes, we're indebted to the Tyee bridge, board, and family for playing a vital role in keeping us connected in spite of the necessity to stay apart. As our world slowly evolves toward a newfangled normal, and pursuant to my charges as Rear Commodore, I will now drone on a bit about how "We depend on Tyee member participation and contributions for much of our maintenance and repair needs." And, of course, the old saw, "If you volunteer for a Tyee work party, at either the main clubhouse or outstation, your family may be blessed with great treasure at some point in the not-too-distant future." I made that last one up, but the point is, with this goldarned pandemic, our beloved facilities are both in need of a hale and hearty dose of TLC. Small and distributed work parties have accomplished much, but conditions have conspired against our ability to stay ahead of the curve. A work party planned for June 25th & 26th at the main clubhouse is a great first step, and we're deeply grateful to both Dick Jansen for his continuing leadership as well as previous RC Scott Schoneman for his contributions. Understanding the challenges of scheduling subsequent work parties during peak boating season, we don't expect large-scale efforts in the near

term; however, we will be coordinating smaller teams to tackle practical and more urgent maintenance and repairs. Of particular importance is the completion of the landscaping at Tyee West. The deadline to get this done prior to mid-November is non-trivial from both a financial and bureaucracy perspective. We will be planning and communicating prospects and schedules in the coming few months and will welcome suggestions for ways to make these important events even more fun and appealing. Look for updates in future *Echo Board* publications, as well as ad hoc communications from myself and other contributors.

#### Cheers! Rick Nolte *Rear Commodore Tyee Yacht Club*



Tyee's RC Rick & Kim Nolte



## **Change of Watch Ceremony**



### Tyee Yacht Club

## Fleet Captain's Report

#### Howdy Tyee Fleet,

The temps are sky high, the days are long, the fleet is exploring, and it feels like a (normal) summer is in full swing! I don't know about you, but for the first time in a loooooong time it feels great to be booking travel, planning BBQs, ditching the elbow bumps for hugs, and of course..... coming together as a club!

With the return of the physical fun, I'm thrilled to share that the cruise for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend is shaping up to be the outstation kick-off we all have been looking for – over 14 boats have registered for the fun so far – many are new(ish) members who can't wait to meet the fleet!

While the Bainbridge fireworks are cancelled this year, the family-friendly fun kicks off Friday evening with a hosted happy hour at the Outstation, a Saturday lunch hike to Grand Forest (~3.5m), Sunday afternoon lawn-game tournament, and evening potluck dinner with Tyee providing the tri-tip, brats, and veggie ka-

bobs followed by some good old-fashioned firepit s'mores. (As a newly minted Fleet Captain, please let me know if I am missing any of the traditional Outstation 4<sup>th</sup> of July elements or if you have some great fun ide-as!)

And if that wasn't enough – our friends at Poulsbo Yacht Club just announced the return of their popular 3<sup>rd</sup> of July BBQ and boat parade with a special invite to Tyee! Join PYC in Poulsbo on July 3<sup>rd</sup> starting at 3:30pm for a live band, no-host bar, and BBQ dinner followed by a 7pm decorated boat parade. You must register and buy tickets (\$13/pp) by June 28. If you would like to stay at the PYC recip dock for the festivities (charges apply), email me for details.

There is a lot of cruising fun coming up for the rest of 2021, including an Andrews Bay stay, a "San Juandering flotilla" and of course the Tyee Birthday Cruise. Be sure to check out the <u>2021 Cruise Schedule</u> and see cruise updates on Facebook. You'll also get emails regarding cruise sign up and additional event details. Feedback and ideas are always welcome!

Kat Killeen Fleet Captain, Tyee Yacht Club



Steve Mitchell and Craig Pierantozzi ensuring that we've got good electrical connections at the outstation. For any new members at the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration at Tyee West this weekend, be sure to pick up your name tags!





## **The Silver Lining**

Questions by Suzanne Webster

Answers by PC Matt Brown & Tonia Brown





Due to limited time and internet connectivity – this month's Silver Lining article featuring Past Commodore Matt Brown and Tonia Brown is presented in question and answer format. Answers were received once they reached Ketchikan!

Q. Matt, what was your biggest challenge of being Commodore during COVID?

Not having in-person meetings and events and closing the facilities were especially difficult as we enjoy interacting face to face with our Tyee fami-

ly. It's a bummer when you have a great group and facilities yet must communicate closures or restrictions. I'm really happy that most of the membership stuck with us through the hard year and we're now seeing the other side.

### Q. Were there any "Silver Linings" (couldn't resist) to being Commodore during this past year?

For Tyee, learning the resilience of our club members to adapt to virtual meetings and distanced gatherings. On a personal note, having more time to spend quarantined with family without the jam-packed schedule we had planned for with the club, Grand 14, and other life obligations.

### Q. What will you take away from your years serving on the bridge?

When you talk to many PCs about the bridge, the common take away is friends. Tyee being part of the Grand 14 puts you in this tradition that includes many social gatherings and meeting fellow counterparts in Grand 14 clubs as well as building stronger relationships with Tyee members. I also recruited five Grand 14 counterpart members into Tyee – a testament to the friendships made through boating and serving on the bridge!

## Q. Is this your first trip to Alaska? If so – how long have you been planning/dreaming about such a trip? -- or, wait for it – was it a "Sudden Inspiration"?

Yes, this is our first Alaska trip though we had always planned to go to Alaska since we moved to Seattle. However, we figured it would be on a cruise ship. Before I joined the bridge, Tonia and I had decided to take a year off and do the Great Loop. That was the same time that Randy and Gayle approached us to see if either of us was interested in the Tyee Bridge. Therefore, we decided to postpone the Great Loop for three years to do the bridge and then we'd do the Loop. After many discussions with Steve Olsson, who was my Meydenbauer counterpart at the time, he said he was going to join us. We planned to start the Loop in Chicago in September 2021 after we finished our Commodore duties. As time passes, so do plans change. Steve was going to buy a boat and have it shipped to the Loop. When he was boat shopping, he said he planned to buy a boat in Washington and do Alaska prior. Then after that he would take the boat down the coast,

through the Panama Canal, and over to Florida. Then we could start the Loop in March 2023. The decision was made to make this the plan of record in early 2020.

#### Q. Tell us about the kinds of preparations that preceded untying those lines the day after the COW meeting. How long did you have to work out details / logistics, etc.? How did you provision?

We spent a lot of the last year preparing. Our boat guy Mike from University Yacht Services did a lot of the main prep for us. He made sure the engines were serviced and finished up a few items, including electrical wiring and installing a new water maker. We



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## Silver Lining cont...



also loaded many spare parts and items we hopefully will never need but are common items so we wouldn't have to order anything special if a break along the way. Tonia worked on food provisioning to ensure we had our ship's stores in order to prove to Canadian customs we could make our way anchoring through Canada and not starve. JoAnn's prep talk and worksheets were very helpful here. We also conferred with previous Tyee members, including Kevin & Bonnie and Dick & Donna, regarding their Alaska trips and experiences.

# Q. Did you need to make any changes/repairs/modifications to Sudden Inspiration in order to get her ready?

We had recently put in a hydronic heat system. We replaced

batteries and had the water maker updated as both were old and weren't in working order. Also checked the windless and found it needed to be switched out, which became more

of an undertaking given parts shortages. Thankfully all came together in time for our departure.

## Q. Are there aspects of the trip that make you apprehensive? Parts or passages you're worried about?

Tonia will say all the open passages and straits. For the size of our boat, it's pretty narrow so we get a lot of roll action when we get into waves on the beam.





### Q. What are you most looking forward to?

The journey itself, seeing all the scenery and wildlife, and getting out of the busy Seattle area and not hearing road noise every day.

### Q. How long do you plan to be away?

We plan to be away for 3 months and back around early to mid-September.

### Q. When you get back - what's next?

We still plan to do the Great Loop starting in March 2023 from Florida. Right after we get back to Seattle, I (Matt) plan to

travel with Steve Olsson down the West Coast to California this year and into Mexico and the Panama Canal next spring. Tonia will join for portions of the trip as well. Then we'll buy a boat on the East Coast and get it provisioned for the Great Loop.

# Q. And lastly, tell us a little about Sudden Inspiration, both the name and the vessel. How long have you had her – and anything else you want to add.

The journey really started when a friend posted to Facebook about a houseboat for sale. We decided on a whim to look at it though we knew right off it would not work as it was VERY tiny. I proposed if we bought something on the water it should be something that we could motor and wasn't permanently affixed to a dock. We thought we found the perfect boat online and drove up to La Conner to see it. Well, I went into the engine room with the broker and came out to Tonia looking pretty dejected. That almost stopped the whole process cold. However, the next day I found



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## Tyee Sick Bay



I am writing my Sick Bay report on the day before the longest day of the year, which means it's the first day of summer. YAY!!!! All this vitamin D weather is obviously keeping everyone healthy, because I don't have anyone new on my GET WELL list. Another YAY!!! Please don't forget to send a card or call Len Hodges as he is on his recovery mode time from his serious heart problems.

July 1<sup>st</sup>, Canada Day, is on the calendar, sure hope they stick to their predicted opening date of July 21<sup>st</sup>. Then there is the 4<sup>th</sup> of July or Independence Day. It's America's 242<sup>nd</sup> Independence Day. "John Hancock, the President of the Continental Congress at the time, was the first and only person to sign the Declaration ON July 4<sup>th</sup> 1776. Today, the term "John Hancock" has become synonymous with a person's signature."

Enjoy this wonderful vitamin D weather AND Keep Taking Your Vitamins!

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



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Fellow Tyee YC Members,

Thank you to those who have taken the Andrews Bay pledge so far! If you haven't, please take a moment to visit the link below and take the Andrews Bay Pledge and register to win a \$500 West Marine shopping spree! Take the pledge today: <u>https://tinyurl.com/PledgeForAndrewsBay</u>.

You may have heard about multiple ongoing efforts with regards to trying to fight back against cuts to Seattle Harbor Patrol (SHP), which limits their ability to respond to incidents on the water and to enforce boating laws and safety. Unfortunately, SHP's numbers have dwindled from 24 FTE down to 14 FTE – leaving them, for example, unable to do little more this summer on Lake Washington than to respond to emergencies or incidents (vs. doing any proactive patrolling). This was all shared by an SHP Lieutenant who gave a few minutes of his time to attend and speak at the forum. That's the bad news.

The good news is that we at RBAW think the growing problem for SHP is galvanizing some folks to organize and take action. We recently met with North Seattle Industrial Council and NMTA and we are looking to organize a series of meetings with Seattle Councilmembers and Mayor's Office along with building a coalition that can take grassroots action. The goal of the coalition meetings is to produce an action list of *things we can do to let Seattle City leaders know that a badly depleted SHP is unacceptable, and we have to do better. More to come on this as it develops!* 

Thank you for helping us "Save the Bay!"

Craig Pierantozzi RBAW Delegate, Tyee Yacht Club

## Silver Lining cont...

the listing for Sudden Inspiration but Tonia didn't initially want to see it because of the experience the day before. After a few hours of convincing her, we were off to see it. It was a completely opposite reaction from the previous day. We were walking to the parking lot after looking over the boat and I asked her who she was texting – she had messaged her sister that we may have just found our boat.

*Sudden Inspiration* was the name it had when we got it and we kept it as it fit the rather quick and abrupt decision to change our lifestyle, one we most certainly have no regrets about living on the water and meeting awesome new friends via Tyee.

You can continue to follow Matt & Tonia's Alaska adventure on their blog: https://sudins.com/







We're always looking for great stories from our members — if you'd like to be featured in an upcoming Silver Linings article or know of someone else who has a fun story to tell about their boat adventures or projects, send an email to Suzannetwebster@gmail.com.

Membership Referrals Special Winners				
	2020 (Feb – June)	2021 (July – June)	Overall Winners!	
Marina with	Seattle Marina (4)	Shilshole Marina (7)	Shilshole Marina (9)	
Most Referrals	Shilshole Marina (2)	Everett Marina (6)	Everett Marina (7)	
	EBM (2)	Seattle Marina (3)	Seattle Marina (7)	
Most Referrals	Lisa & Vicky (2)	Lisa & Vicky (6)- TIE	Kevin & Bonnie (7)	
	Randy & Gayle (2)	Kevin & Bonnie (6) - TIE	Lisa & Vicky (6)	
	Matt & Tonia (2)	Matt & Tonia (3)	Matt & Tonia (5)	
Home Marina	EBM (3)	Everett (8)	Everett / Shilshole	
Additions		Shilshole (7)	Marinas - TIE (9)	
			EBM (5)	

We announced our Membership Referral Competition in early Fall 2020. We can see some people were already naturally doing this, but once the competition heated up, a few people starting recruiting with a vengeance (Kevin & Bonnie have only one boat remaining on their dock, so there is still hope for the Shilshole F Troop). Regardless, a **huge thank you to everyone** for being awesome people who espouse the spirit of Tyee. Every membership application I read said; I am joining Tyee because of the people. **THAT is YOU!!!** 



Another Tyee development due to YOU are the new AEDs at both Tyee stations - this from PC JoAnn Jordan: Many thanks to everyone who donated to make the purchase of the AEDs possible. They are now installed at the clubhouse and at the outstation ready to help save a life! The next step is having members who know how to use them. So, if you missed the class that Suzi Crickmore taught, it was recorded and is available for you to watch for the first time or the second, third or fourth! Every time you watch, you better your chances of doing what you need to do when it counts. Go to the Tyee Calendar and look at April <u>19th, 2021</u>. Most of my career was in fire education and emergency management. I was an instructor for CPR and AED and have taken classes many times. Suzi's was one of the BEST CLASSES EVER!

Review the recorded class. It's really worth it!

## 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

## WIC Report

The <u>Women's Interclub Council (WIC)</u> luncheons are cancelled due to COVID-19. Stay tuned for updates once large groups are once again allowed.

Lani Hassenstab WIC Representative, Tyee Yacht Club WIC Past President and WIC Advisor

### \$ 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 Andrea Dahlke at treasurer@tyeeyachtclub.org.







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No cruising club blends the waters of Puget Sound and fun better than Tyee Yacht Club! With family cruises year-round and special events for all ages, there are always plenty of opportunities for fun for members of Tyee.