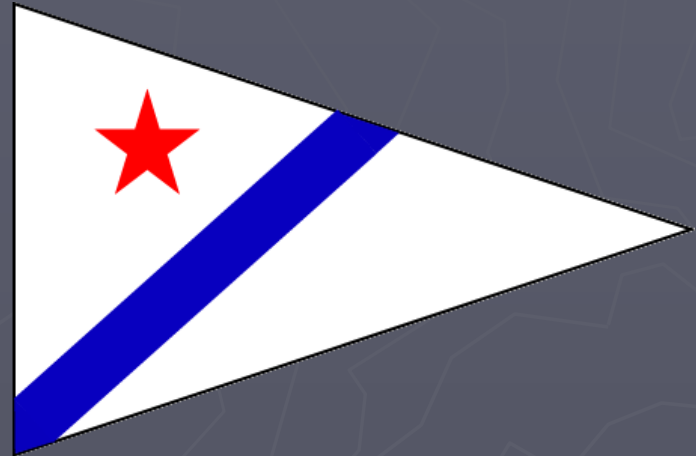


Honoring The Seattle Yacht Club's Past Commodores 1879 - Present



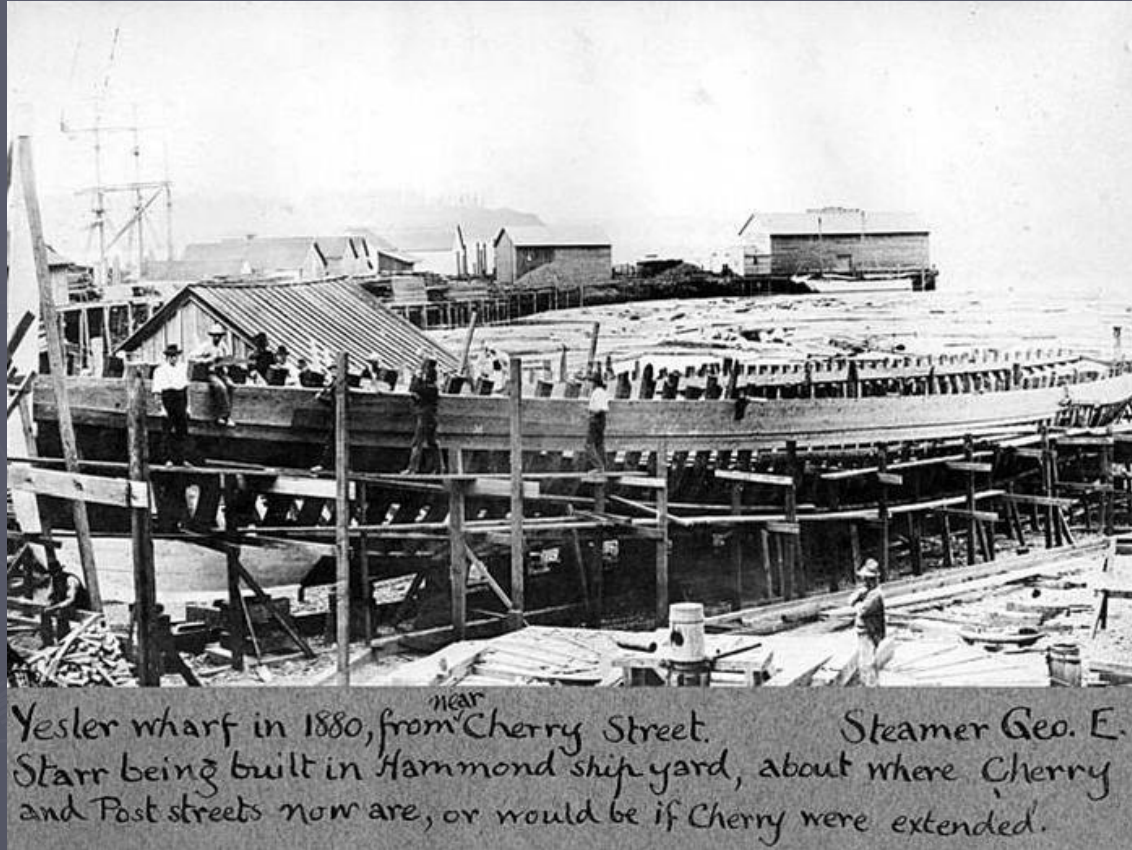
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SYC's Forgotten Commodores



- ▶ From 1879 – 1909 SYC had 6 Commodores
- ▶ Their service years are commemorated with a plaque in the Commodores room
- ▶ The EBYC was formed in 1894 as a splinter group from the SYC
- ▶ The EBYC Commodores photos from 1904-1909 survived and are displayed also in the Commodores room
- ▶ The Two Clubs Merged in 1909
- ▶ All Past Commodores are recognized in reach years annual yearbook

William Hammond 1879 SYC



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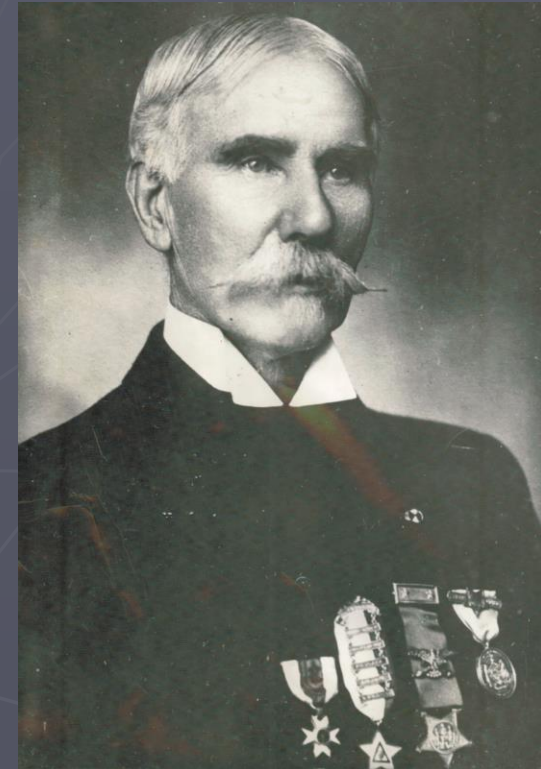
- ▶ SYC's 1st known Commodore
- ▶ Occupation: Shipbuilder
- ▶ The Hammond Shipyard was destroyed in the Great Fire of 1889

DR. FRED W. SPARLING

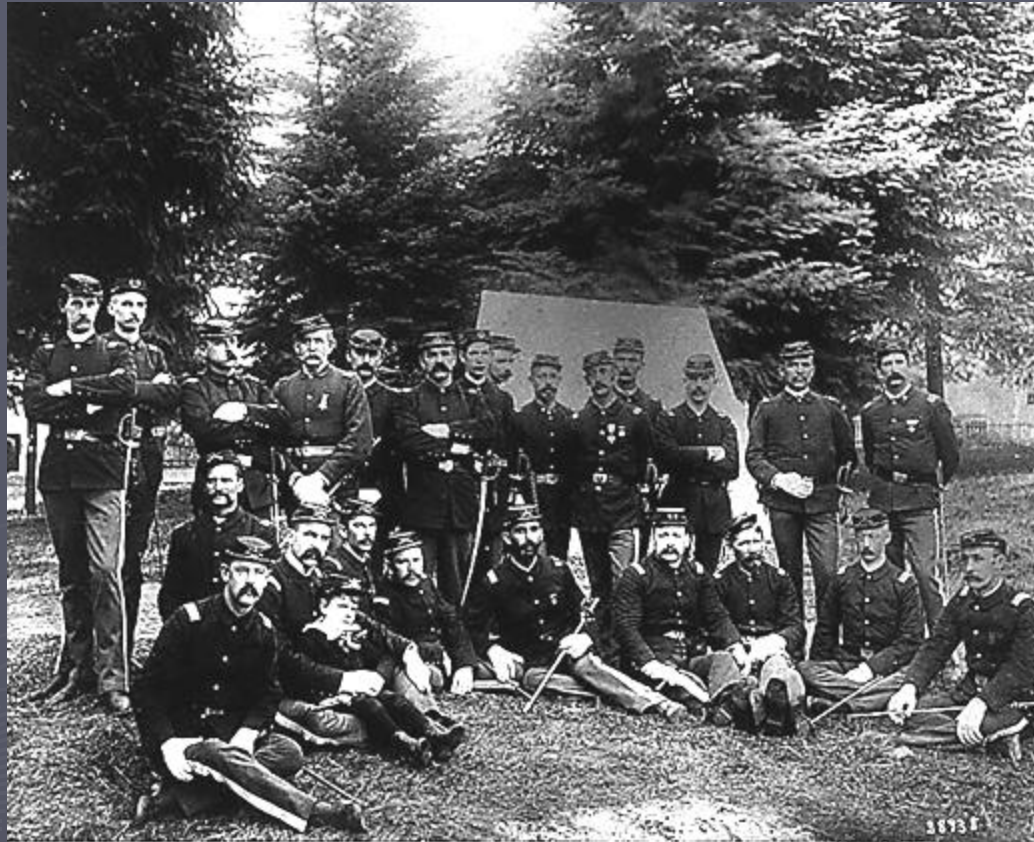
1880, 1886 & 1890 SYC

The lack of wind made the regatta of the Seattle Yacht Club almost a drifting contest. The start was delayed two hours to await the wind, and then it was made in a little breeze from the south that hardly carried the boats over the course in the required time. In the first class race for boats over twenty-four feet in length, the McLaren [Phillip Savery] took first prize, a spirit compass; and the Vitella [Captain Hansen] of Port Blakely, second prize, a box of cigars. -Post-Intelligencer, July 5, 1890

- ▶ Born in Ireland & Raised in Canada
- ▶ Medical School - Detroit Michigan
- ▶ 1861 – 1865 Surgeon in the Civil War
- ▶ 1875 Surgeon Ft. Cape Disappointment, Port Townsend & America Camp on San Juan Isle
- ▶ 1877 Quartermaster General of Washington Territory
- ▶ 1880 Territorial Census Supervisor & 1890 Tideland Appraiser
- ▶ 1892 Organized the Annual Fourth of July Yacht Races for SYC



JOSEPH GREEN 1891 SYC



**J. Green
Sitting 3rd
from the
left**

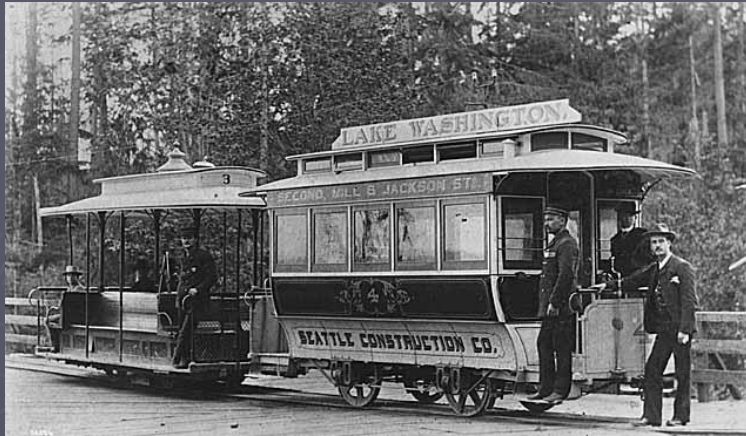
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Martial Law

A. P. Brown & J.A.
Hatfield- 1st & 3rd
standing from the
left were also SYC
Members pg. 20
Centennial Book

- ▶ **Born in England 1854, Immigrated in 1859 & Arrived in Seattle, 1883**
- ▶ **Owned the NW Fruit Company**
- ▶ **1884 -1891 - Captain in the Washington National guard**
- ▶ **Known as "Commodore Captain" Green**

FRED E. SANDER 1892-1894 SYC

On Sept. 3, 1892, during a meeting at Red Men's Hall, permanent officers were chosen to lead the new Seattle Yacht Club. Fred E. Sander was elected commodore; J. H. Johnson, vice commodore; Carl Siebrand, port captain; W. W. French, secretary; and A. R. Pickney, treasurer. The members voted to incorporate the club and issue 200 shares of stock at \$5 each. The first 200 to pay the \$5 membership fee would be considered charter members. After the time for charter memberships elapsed, the initiation fee would jump to \$25. Dues were set at \$1 per month. Annual meetings were scheduled for the second Tuesday in October.



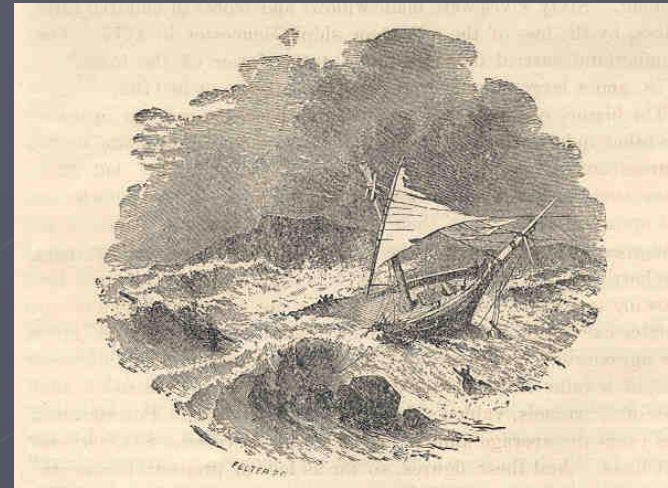
Kelpie with SYC Burgee (PSMS)
Sander - Baillargeon family boat



- ▶ Born 1854 Corinth, Mississippi
- ▶ Occupation: Cable Car companies, Real Estate
- ▶ Boat: 48' Cutter "Kelpie" - a 4 member partnership
- ▶ 1892 1st SYC Commodore upon re-organization
- ▶ Purchased W. Seattle Boathouse from Frank Faber

J. H. JOHNSON 1895 SYC

J. H. Johnson, mentioned as commodore in 1895, was a ship captain who, according to McCurdy's Marine History of the Pacific Northwest, died in 1899. He was on a run out of Nome, Alaska, when his ship ran aground in a gale. The seven people aboard escaped to shore but exhausted their provisions during the severe cold and died of exposure and starvation, except for one man who was rescued by the Eskimos and who, six months later, managed to board another ship for civilization and report the story.



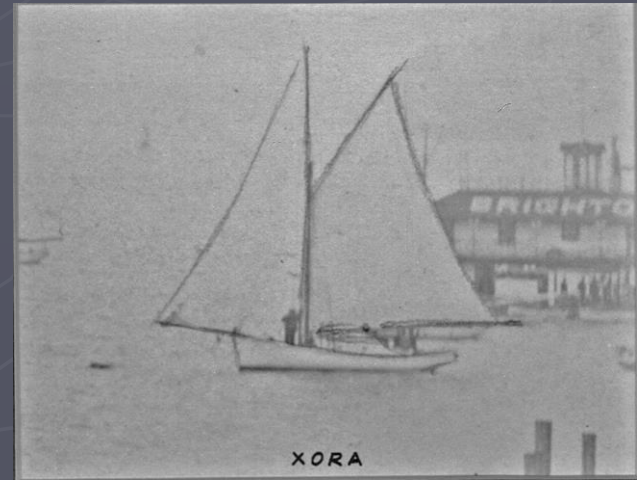
- Occupation: Ship Captain
- Died in 1899 when his ship ran aground in an Alaska gale.

HENRY HENSEL 1894-1898 EBYC

About 40 men who are interested in aquatic sports met. at the Brighton Boathouse in North Seattle last evening and formed what is to be known as the Elliott Bay Yacht Club. The boathouse in which the meeting was held is to be the headquarters and the upper floor will be fitted to suit the conveniences of the club members. The following officers were elected: commodore, Henry Hensel; vice commodore, A. M. Towle; treasurer, Amos Brown; secretary, R. J. McClelland; house committee, S. Rothy, William Hensel, M. Lang; club measurer, Amos Goodall; trustees, Henry Hensel, A. M. Towle, D. M. Simonson, Hugh Graff, John Mungall. - Post-Intelligencer, Aug. 26, 1894



- *Occupation: Jeweler*
- *Boat: 45' "Xora"*



C. D. STIMSON *1901-1909 SYC*

With their white sails flashing in the sunlight and salt water boiling into foam under the bows, the swift little boats of the Seattle Yacht Club sailed away from the harbor yesterday on the first cruise of the year. Nearly twenty boats were in the squadron, with Commodore C. D. Stimson in his flagship Olympic, directing the movements of the fleet. - Post-Intelligencer, June 9, 1907

PSMS



- Born in Michigan in 1857
- Founded The Stimson Land Company
- Founded the General Insurance Company of America (now SAFECO).
- Chairman of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition
- Chairman of the Olympic Hotel Committee
- Boats: 90' "Wanda" (Ted Geary Blanchard Boat Co.) 63' "Olympic"

GEORGE E. THOMPSON

1898-1906 EBYC

The Hornet, Commodore Thompson's smart little sloop, capsized soon after turning West Point buoy. She was carrying every inch of canvas and while heeling over, her main boom dragged in the water, tipping and up- setting her. The sails kept her from turning over and allowed the crew to find a safe place on her upturned side rail. A fishing boat was close by when the Hornet keeled over, and with the assistance of the fishermen the crew got the sloop righted, bailed her out, and sailed into the clubhouse reefed, amid loud cheers. As the Paloma had not finished, the plucky crew of the Hornet went over the balance of the course and got second prize. -Post-Intelligencer, Sept. 6, 1898



- Occupation: Dentist
- Boat: Auxiliary Sloops "Hornet & Imp"



C. W. WILEY 1907 & 1908 EBYC

The big news in 1907 concerned the reorganization of the Elliott Bay Yacht Club, which had been inactive after it lost its lease at the Brighton Boathouse in 1904 (this had resulted in crowded moorage conditions and lack of financial support). In 1907 a group of Elliott Bay members met to find ways to revive the club. Among these members, most of them young were C. W. Wiley, Adolph and Oddie Rohlf, Herbert Moss, Dr. Tom Mesdag, Harold Burdett, Ted Geary, and Quent Williams. All the club maintained was a dinghy float moorage south of the West Seattle ferry landing where it kept its sailing and power fleet moored to buoys.

- *Occupation: President, Crosby Towboat Company*
- *Boat: 60' Schooner "Henrietta"*



H. W. GOCHER 1909 EBYC

Yachting interests of Seattle are united at last. After existing as separate organizations for fifteen years, the Seattle and Elliott Bay Yacht Clubs last night amalgamated and henceforth there will be one name, one flag, and one club.

The name of the one club will be the Seattle Yacht Club but in nothing else will the Elliott Bay club lose its identity. Today on the yachts belonging to the Seattle club the red and blue quartered flag with its white longitudinal stripe and red star will be hauled down and the Elliott Bay club pennant, a white triangle with a blue diagonal stripe and red star will be run up instead.

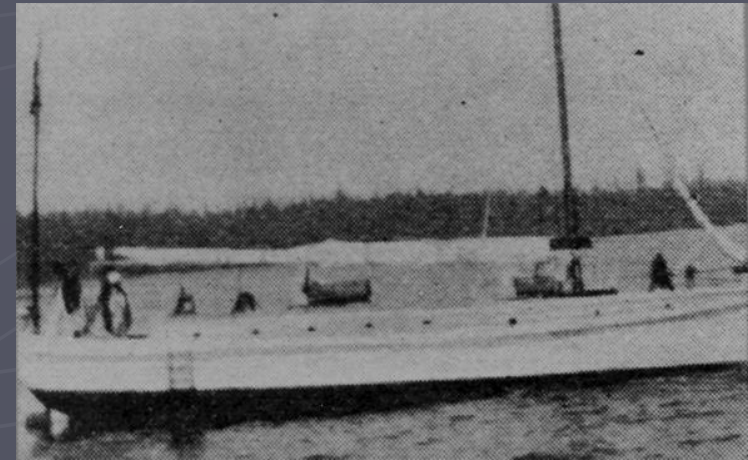
The officers of the Elliott Bay club will be confirmed as officers of the merged clubs with Commodore H. W. Gocher at the helm. The property of the two will hereafter simply be held in the name of the Seattle Yacht Club. The only legal formality necessary is the filing of supplementary articles of incorporation changing the name of the Elliott Bay club to the Seattle Yacht club. As a matter of fact, today the organization is formally launched.

The merging of the clubs is the result of natural conditions. The Seattle Yacht Club was organized in 1890, and in 1891 its first clubhouse was opened at West Seattle. In 1891, the Elliott Bay Yacht Club was organized by a number of the younger tars. [Actually the SYC was reorganized in 1892 and the EBYC was founded in 1894.] In 1893 interest in yachting died down greatly, due largely to the Alaskan rush. [Actually a severe depression was the cause, the Alaska gold rush began in 1897.] It was not until the spring of 1897 that the Elliott Bay club was revived. Since then it has been the more active of the two and the Seattle Yacht Club, in joining readily in the movement So a merger, is recognizing the enthusiastic spirit of the younger generation of amateur sailors.

The Seattle Yacht Club's treasury was also in splendid condition so that the united interests start out with the brightest of prospects. -Post-Intelligencer, June 23, 1909



- *Was Commodore Year of Amalgamation*
- *Occupation: Skinner and Eddy Shipbuilding*
- *Boat: 50-foot Auxiliary Yawl "Leba"*



S. A. HOYT 1910

Since going to press an amalgamation of the Elliott Bay Yacht Club and the Seattle Yacht Club has been effected, the new organization taking the name of the Seattle Yacht Club which was considered to be the better and more distinctive name. The flag of The Elliott Bay Yacht Club was adopted, and the officers of that club retained their respective positions in the new club.

Signed: C. Benson Wood, M.D., Secretary. -1910 Club Book of the Seattle Yacht Club



- Occupation: Master Mariner
- Boat: 45-foot Auxiliary Schooner "Reverie"

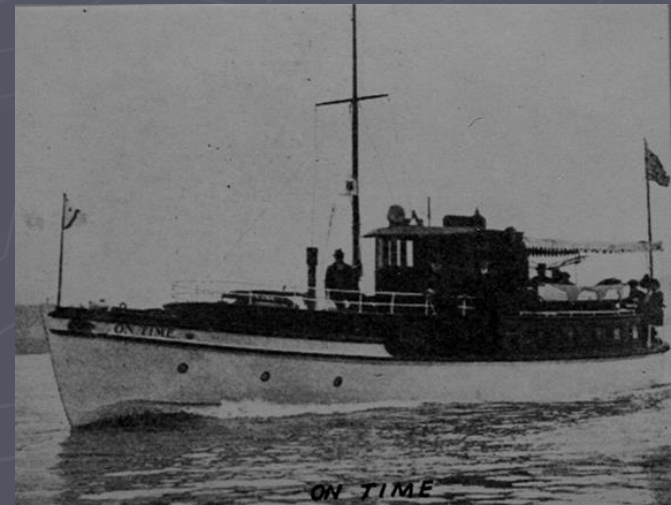


H. W. STARRETT 1911

A "rousing meeting" was held on April 20, 1911, at the Seattle Yacht Club to plan for April 29 Opening Day. "Wives and sweethearts" of members were recruited to welcome visitors. All boats were on display with flags flying, and bands performed all during the afternoon. At 11:00 A.M. the Hansen Cup Power Boat Race to Everett began. In the early afternoon a race was scheduled for larger sailing craft to compete for the Sunde and Erland Cup. Later a dinghy race for the trophy awarded by the Max Kuner Company (now the Captain's Trophy Company) was scheduled.

A special committee chaired by Robert E. Magner recommended that SYC initiation fees be reduced to \$10 for the remainder of 1911 and that a recruiting drive begin. The plan worked, for within six months 43 new members had been added to the roster, many of them motor boaters. This brought the total membership to 292.

- *Occupation: Manager, Sunset Boat and Engine Company*
- *Boat: "On Time"*



DR. HARRY V. WURDEMAN 1912

The Seattle Yacht Club was also involved in July's Golden Potlatch celebration, which was a forerunner of Seafair. SYC Commodore Wurdemann was chairman of the Potlatch Marine Committee, composed entirely of SYC members. This committee was responsible for managing the marine parade, entertaining visiting yachtsmen, and for all "water features" of Potlatch. The most imposing spectacle of the event was the marine parade of July 17, 1912, which featured the "treasure ship" *Portland*, the Alaskan steamer that had carried the first gold from the Yukon on July 17, 1897. Escorted by a fleet of steamboats, torpedo vessels, revenue cutters and most of the yacht club fleet, the *Portland* paraded around the harbor and into the Grand Trunk Dock to the accompaniment of screeching whistles and booming cannon.

This was also the year SYC Commodore Wurdemann prepared a comprehensive chart of cruising waters in the Pacific Northwest. This handsome lithograph was mailed to boating organizations throughout the country by the Seattle Yacht Club and the Seattle Chamber of Commerce. To this day one hangs on the wall in the SYC Marine Room. – "Ted Geary 1950"



- **Born 1865**
- **Education: George Washington University**
- **Occupation: Physician**
- **Boat: 57-foot Cruiser "Lady May"**



JOHN GRAHAM, SR. 1913

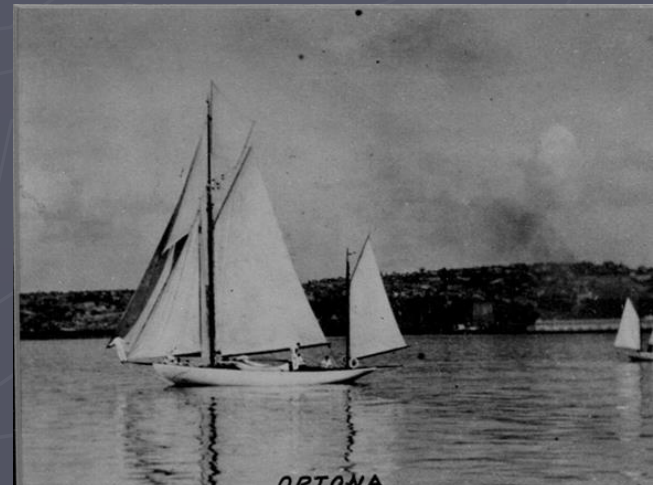
The Seattle Yacht Club promises much to its members this coming season. The regatta committee has planned a veritable carnival of outdoor sports, which began with the long distance race around Protection Island on March 28, 1913.

The club is also providing about nine or ten one-class boats designed for safety as well as speed, for the use of its members, with the hope that this will do much to encourage yachting, particularly among the younger men of Seattle, and eventually get them interested enough to invest in boats of their own and enjoy to the full the joys of yachting and cruising on Puget Sound.

The Sunday Club cruises to Bainbridge Island and other points are another popular feature. During Potlatch week the club is pledged to do everything possible to help the water carnival features by arranging races for all classes of boats, and to take part in the water parade. -Post-Intelligencer, April 6, 1913



- **Occupation: Architect**
- **Boat: Yawl Ortona and the Sovereign**
- **Designed – EBYC & SYC Montlake Clubhouses**



ROBERT E. MAGNER 1914

A brilliant reception was given at the Yacht Club Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. Dana Brown and Mrs. Joseph Harris in compliment to Mrs. Howard Edward Luby, sister of Mrs. Harris. The receiving room and veranda were gay with potted plants, native greens and bright colored flowers. A large basket of Charney roses centered the tea table at which Mrs. Clarence Wiley and Mrs. John L. Marr presided, assisted by Mrs. J. Walter Hainsworth, Mrs. Paul Richardson, Miss Mabel Luby, and Mrs. Delbert Andrews. Sweet peas were prettily arranged on the punch table where Mrs. Percy Truax and Mrs. Benjamin Easterbrook served. The hostesses were assisted in receiving by Mrs. J. B. Shorett, Mrs. W. H. Hainsworth, Mrs. Charles Armstrong, Mrs. Murray Holland and Mrs. Sergio Migliavacca. Over one hundred guests were present. -Seattle Examiner, *July 1, 1914*



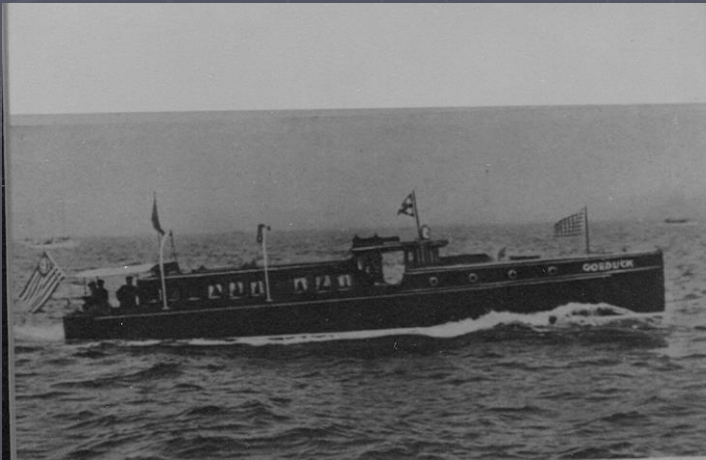
➤ *Occupation: Manager,
Warner Instrument Company*

WILLIAM G. NORRIS 1915

In 1915 and 1916 the Seattle Yacht Club published the *Yachtsman*, "the official magazine" of the club. How many issues were published is not known, and apparently no copies exist today.

As a final activity for 1915, Seattle yachtsmen decided to try to revive the Northwest International Yacht Racing Association which had been defunct since the 1910 Alexandra's Cup disagreement. A committee of Daniel Pratt, Ted Geary, Scott Calhoun, Dr. Frank O'Connell, John Graham, Sr., and SYC Commodore William Norris invited other yacht clubs of the Pacific Northwest to a meeting to consider reorganizing. However, World War I, then sweeping through Europe, killed the effort.

- *Occupation: Owner, Norris Safe and Lock*
- *Boats: 55-foot Cruiser "Geoduck" and 75-foot Schooner "La Viajera"*



J. E. CHILBERG 1916

Seattle Yacht Club officers boasted that 20 new boats had joined the club fleet, making a total of more than 100 fine yachts.

The war was coming ever closer to the United States. In April SYC Commodore Chilberg and Vice-Commodore J. S. Gibson called a meeting of all powerboat owners to discuss formation of a squadron, the first organized on the Pacific Coast. The main objectives of this group were to teach high skill in the handling of motorboats, to cooperate with the U.S. government in navigation matters, and to provide a qualified body of yachtsmen who could volunteer for assistance to the navy in time of war.



- *Occupation: Manager, Steamship Line; Insurance Agent*
- *Boat: Viking (2 level Barge)*



NORVAL H. (NED) LATIMER 1917, 1918 & 1919

In June, 1918 the U.S. government bought the Seattle Yacht Club's West Seattle clubhouse and moorage area for \$3,000. The U.S. Shipping Board promptly converted it to a station for training officers and men for the Merchant Marine.

For the next three years the Seattle Yacht Club existed without a clubhouse by scheduling business meetings in the board room of the Dexter Horton Bank. Membership dropped to 70 active members and the club fleet, reduced to just one-third of its previous size, was dispersed to various commercial moorings around Elliott Bay.

During the war years, the Lake Washington Ship Canal had been completed, connecting Lakes Union and Washington to Puget Sound. When the war ended, Seattle Yacht Club members, after considerable thought, purchased a site adjacent to the sanitary landfill on Portage Bay. They used funds received for the old site in West Seattle to pay for this new property, and a bond issue was floated to pay for a new clubhouse. After negotiations with city, state and federal authorities, permits were received to build piers adjacent to the city park property. On March 20, 1919, *Post-Intelligencer* headlines proclaimed "New Home of Yachtsmen Is Now Assured!" More than 50 prominent businessmen had pledged funds to construct the facility for the rapidly growing club. The membership limit was increased beyond the original 350, and the initiation fee was reduced from \$50 to \$25 to entice more yachtsmen to join.



- *Born: 1863, Berwick, IL*
- *Occupation: President, Dexter Horton Bank*
- *Boat: Cruiser "Honey Boy"*

PSMS



JAMES S. GIBSON 1920

On May 1, 1920 the Seattle Yacht Club formally dedicated its new home on Portage Bay. Those Opening Day ceremonies established traditions that are still followed to this day.

"A reverberating salute boomed out over the quiet waters of Lake Union, the Stars and Stripes mounted to the yard, the club pennant to the peak and the new home of the Seattle Yacht Club had been officially put in commission. While the ceremonies that marked the dedication of the building were going on the dark expanse of the lake was splotted with the white of myriad sailing craft passing to and fro on the shoulder of the wind. The starred ensign of the club was everywhere." - Post-Intelligencer, May 3, 1920



- **Occupation: President, Washington Stevedoring Co.**
- **Boat: Motor Yacht "Muriel"**



CAPTAIN JAMES GRIFFITHS

1921 & 1922

Members really enjoyed their new Seattle Yacht Club building on Portage Bay, which had opened in 1920. Exotic dinner dances were all the rage. On March 26, 1921, for example, an ethnic dinner dance was arranged with Turkish music, dancing girls, and food. Later that year a cabaret and fashion show were held, followed by a special farm dinner featuring roast goose.

On New Year's Eve 1921, a cabaret and high jinks were the theme. The floor show featured the Hippodrome Review (a local show of scantily attired dancing women). A Vienna-style beer garden was open all evening (serving near beer?) and dancing continued until 3:00 A.M. The cost was \$2.50 per person.

Feb. 13, 1922, brought the first Ladies' Smoker and Dinner Dance to the club. Berliner's Orchestra, said to be Seattle's best dance aggregation, provided the music. Admission was \$1.50 per person.

On Feb. 28, 1922, a Mardi Gras Ball featured a Seattle Yacht Club Review and prizes for the best costume. On March 20, 1922, male members at the semi-monthly stag smoker heard Captain Frank Andrews of Tacoma lecture on the old glorious days of sailing ships.

On May 1, 1922, the members celebrated the second anniversary of the opening of the new clubhouse with a buffet dinner, featuring a speech by Captain James Gibson.



- **Born: 1861, Newport, Monmouth Shire England**
- **Occupation: Owner Stevedoring and Steamship Companies**
- **Boats: Several, "Sueja II"**



HENRY SEABORN 1923 & 1924

The yachting year opened on April 28, 1924, with an all-yachtsmen smoker at the clubhouse. Prohibition allowed no cocktails so dinner was served at 6:30 and was followed by a "sober" program honoring new members.

Opening Day, May 3, provided races for all classes on Lake Washington. Fritz Hellenthal's *Gwendolyn II* won the seven mile race from Madison Park to Hunts Point by 10 seconds over Stanley Griffiths' *Imp*. That evening a dance was scheduled at the club with receptions on various yachts moored nearby.

Memorial Day was again jointly celebrated by the Queen City and Seattle yacht clubs. The waters of Portage Bay and Lake Union "were strewn with flowers" in memory of those deceased, especially the servicemen who died in World War I. Yachtsmen then sailed for Champagne Point on the east shore of Lake Washington for races.



- *Occupation: Comptroller, Skinner & Eddy*
- *Boats: 75-foot Motor Yacht "Charlotte 5"*



F. C. HELLENTHAL 1925 & 1926

Because of light breezes, Fritz Hellenthal's *Gwendolyn II* was the only one of five yachts to complete the 1925 Hat Island Race without resorting to power, so she took the Hat Island Trophy from *Gazeka*, which had won it the year before.



- **Born:** 1890, Conroe, TX
- **Education:** U Of W
- **Occupation:** Hellenthal Plumbing & Heating
- **Boats:** "Petrel and Gwendolyn II"

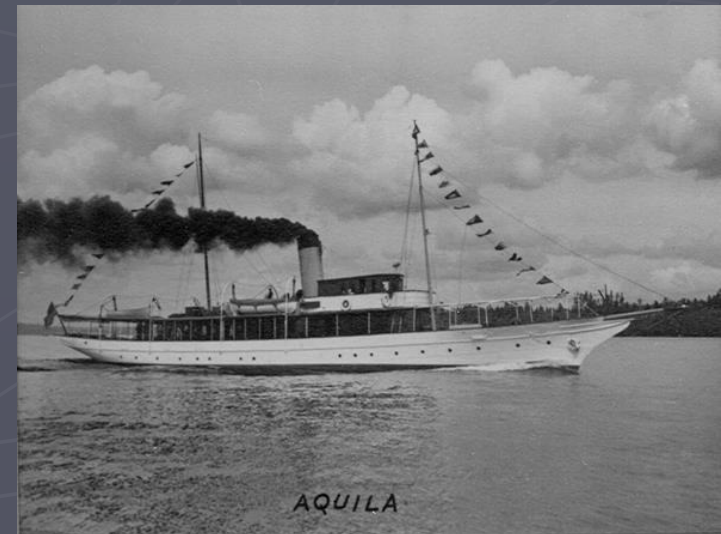


JAMES D. HOGE 1927

Commodore James D. Hoge in September provided a barometer-chronometer prize for the sailboat race to Eagle Harbor and back. The *Gwendolyn II* came in 11 seconds ahead of the *Sir Tom* to win the prize.



- **Born:** 1871, Zanesville, OH
- **Occupation:** Banker, Publisher, Real Estate
- **Boats:** *Aquila*



CAPTAIN JAMES GRIFFITHS 1928

In Memoriam: Honorary Life Commodore Captain James Griffiths

Captain James Griffiths slipped his moorings and sailed for that unknown shore as quietly as he used to slip the moorings of his Sueja and sail for the San Juans.

His loss to us is as if we were to awake one day and find Mt. Rainier or the sea gulls gone. He was as much a part of Puget Sound as the salt water which gives it life.

Acknowledged the dean of Pacific Coast yachtsmen, and several times commodore, his aid and counsel helped to endow the club with enduring life. He was our first and only Honorary Life Commodore, enshrined not only in our membership list but in our hearts as well.

For more than half of his 81 years he labored to help make Seattle the great seaport it is. His vocation was ships and shipping. His avocation was boats and boating. But it is doubtful if even the Master Mariner knew where his work ended and his hobby began.

He was, in life, our commodore. He will continue to be so in death. His energy and salty spirit helped to build the club and will always be a part – a guiding part – of it.

"May Father Neptune" as Conrad puts it, "gather him to his bosom and rock him tenderly to the end of time." 1944 SYC Year Book



- **Born: 1861, Newport, Monmouth Shire England**
- **Occupation: Owner Stevedoring and Steamship Companies**
- **Boats: Several, the last was the 117-foot motor yacht "Sueja III"**



JOHN GRAHAM, SR. 1929

If there is one man, however, who shares the glory of the achievement as represented in the new clubhouse and grounds with Commodore Latimer more than any other, that man is Past Commodore John Graham.

It was Mr. Graham who acted as the architect of the property and who not only designed and laid out the club's new home but also supervised its construction in every detail as well as contributing to its financing. Here again, the club was fortunate in having an past commodore who not only is an enthusiastic and thorough yachtsman in spirit and training but who also was in a position to combine his knowledge of the needs of the yachtsmen with a keen ability as a designer and engineer.

How well he did his work may be evidenced from the fact that the new home has been unanimously pronounced in point of convenience and arrangement one of the finest yacht club buildings in the country, although there are many clubs in the East which represent an investment of many times its cost. [Built in] "the old Colonial style, with the addition of the lighthouse tower to lend a nautical touch. Daniel L. Pratt, Pacific Motor Boat magazine, May 1920



➤ *Blue Peter was designed by L. E. Geary, built by Lake Washington Shipyard and owned by John Graham, Sr. in 1922. (MOHAI)*



L. E. (TED) GEARY *1930*

It must be admitted that the competitive branch of any sport or recreation is its backbone. As a real yacht contest on the water can only be had among sailing craft of cruising or rating type, sailboat yachtsmen, while in the minority, should be encouraged in every way to keep their branch of yachting active. In all large yachting centers in the United States the growth of racing and cruising sail- boats has kept pace with the growth of motorboats, except hereon Puget Sound.

While this is largely a motorboat country and motorboats will always be the majority, there is a very definite reason why the racing and cruising sailboat has been kept back, and it is to be found in the present location of the Seattle Yacht Club, in fresh water behind the Lake Washington Canal Locks, and a number of bridges. It is to be regretted that with all the indentations on the shore line of Puget Sound would otherwise be good moorings for sailing craft, there are none within thirty miles North or South of Seattle on the Seattle side of the Sound. Recent events promise that this situation will be relieved.

Your Club will soon have a station with summer moorings for sailing craft and large motor yachts outside the locks on Shilshole Bay. We are optimistic in the belief that a mile-long breakwater will be built outside these mooring grounds as an aid to navigation, and that both sailing and motor boating will receive great impetus from the convenience afforded both branches of the sport by the outside mooring ground. It will obviate the necessity for taking all craft through the canal to our present moorings in the face of the rapidly growing traffic through locks and canal.

Seattle has a wonderful geographical location from the yachtsman's standpoint and our club house, grounds, and moorings are most attractive to the motorboat owner. Our present moorings have been developed almost to the limit of their capacity to afford summer or winter storage for those wishing their boats inside the Lake. It will always be useful and attractive, but the order yachtsmen are counting on the outside mooring grounds to really rejuvenate all branches of yachting in these waters.



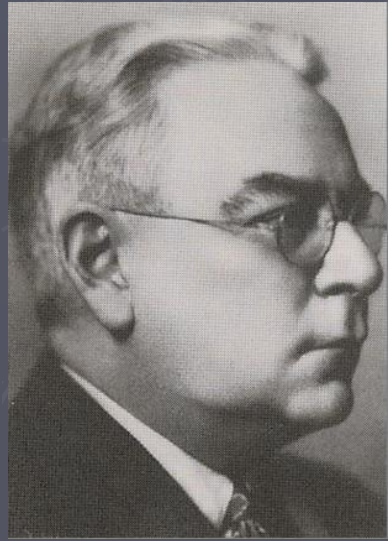
- **Born: 1885, Atchison, KS**
- **Education: Massachusetts Institute of Technology**
- **Occupation: Naval Architect Boats:**
- **Many, but the "Sir Tom" is best known**



C. B. BLETHEN 1931

During the spring of 1931, the Seattle Yacht Club board, still believing the depression would be short lived, agreed to renovate the club premises. The improvements included new chair backs, drapes, awnings, and flower boxes for the dining room; new furniture and flower boxes for the sunroom; chairs and floor coverings for the balcony; new furnishings and decorations for the Commodore's Room; drapes and awnings for the upper card room; enlargement of the juniors room; general shower room improvements and rewiring of the entire club. They also considered future beautification of the piers, installation of new walkways and mooring piles and painting the exterior of all structures. However, with dollars scarce, this work ended up being spread over several years, and much of it was undertaken by volunteer labor.

In spite of the deepening depression, Opening Day festivities on Lake Washington attracted 40 sailing vessels. The race, which began at the foot of Madison Street just south of the Kirkland ferry dock, fell victim to a calm and was never finished.



- *Born: 1881, Maine*
- *Education: University of Chicago*
- *Occupation: Publisher, The Seattle Times*
- *Boat: "Canim"*



WILLIAM R. HEDLEY 1932

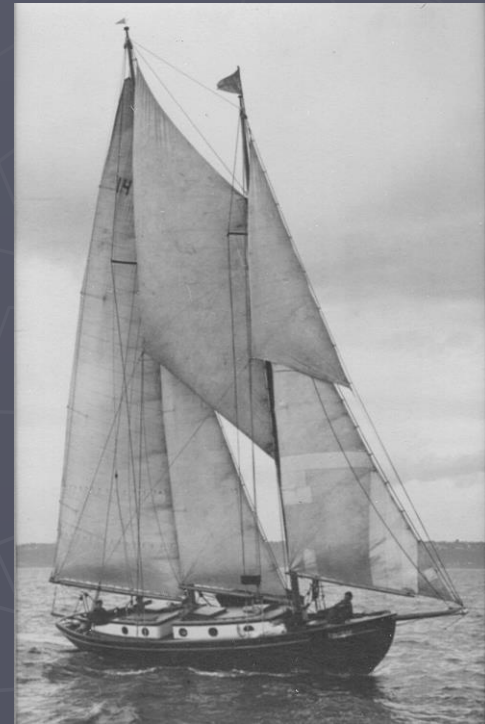
In 1932, unemployment in the United States surpassed 11 million and welfare funding had emptied state and local government coffers. Unemployed men rallied at the county-city building in Seattle and at the capitol in Olympia, demanding jobs. In November 1932 Franklin Delano Roosevelt was elected president and soon began several programs to put men to work.

Through the 1930s the Seattle Yacht Club suffered many resignations and instituted rigid economies in order to keep the doors open. Maintenance was on a patch- as-you-can-pay basis, many moorages were empty, bond payments were missed, and club services were at times almost nonexistent. However, a core of loyal members managed to keep the club afloat. Work parties were organized to make essential repairs and to paint structures.

In spite of all the hardships, the club managed to schedule many activities during every year of this depressed decade.



- Occupation: Musician and Teacher (Concertmaster, Seattle Symphony)
- Boat: 42' Auxiliary Schooner "Sindbad"



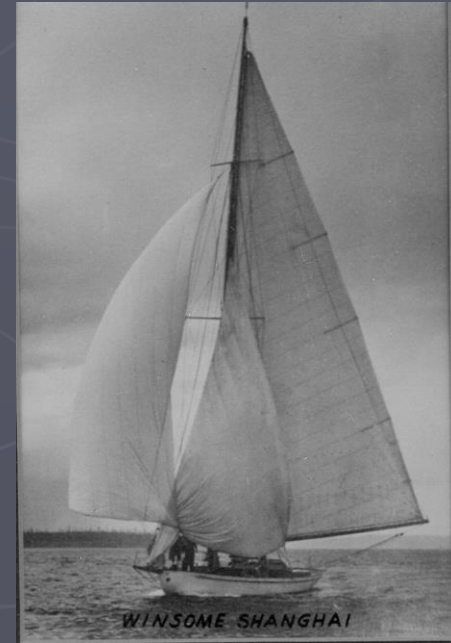
ROY W. CORBETT 1933

According to the *Seattle Daily Times*, the Seattle Yacht Club waved goodbye to prohibition by gleefully burying "Old Man Volstead" on the first Friday in May with a "Night in the Fo'c'sle" party. A "Sun Over the Yardarm" social hour began at 6:30 P.M. with dinner at 7:00 P.M., a program at 8:00 P.M., and games and dancing later. Russell Gibson headed the entertainment committee.

Opening Day 1933 fell on May 6. Festivities began at 2:00 P.M. with the ceremonial hanging in effigy of "Old Man Depression." The parade of boats included visiting craft from the Queen City Yacht Club. Races followed off Madison Park. Among the winners were Cully Stimson and Paul Henry's 52-foot *Angelica*, Bob Lamson's Star *Alcor*, and Ann Seidelhuber's flattie *Madame Jacquart*. Dr. Wurdemann's *San Toy* beat out 19 other boats to take the power prize.



- *Occupation: Auto Sales*
- *Boat: Winsome Shanghai*



C. W. (CULLY) STIMSON

1934 & 1935

In so much as his sailing days commenced a half century ago on Elliott Bay, and continued through the past season when he again captured the club championship Tri-Island Trophy with his "ANGELICA," he probably has a wider knowledge of yacht racing and personal acquaintance with its devotees than any other individual in the Club.

He and the late Com. Paul M. Henry donated the magnificent Tri- Island Trophy to the Seattle Yacht Club to encourage cruising-class racing. He brought the Eastern Champion "R" boat "LIVE YANKEE" to the Pacific Coast to try to revive interest in this once dominant racing class. For a decade he has been a valued member of the Governing Committee 01 both the Lipton and the Isherwood trophies raced for by "R" class yachts. For more than a dozen years he has raced the Alden-designed "ANGELICA" which came out from the East Coast as a ketch, was later made into a gaff rigged sloop, and finally changed into an ultra-modern Marconi rig, with which he gets lots of speed out of his good ship. 1945 SYC Year Book upon being elected Honorary Life Commodore,



- Occupation: Lumberman (Stimson Timber Company)
- Boat: 55' "Angelica" owned with Paul Henry



PAUL M. HENRY 1936 & 1937

In June SYC Dock 1 was extended 318 feet. On the south side of the new construction, slips were marked for two 65-foot yachts. The north side was finished with no designated slips, "ready to take care of anything short of a battleship," according to SYC reports. Joe Duthie, chairman of the moorage committee, was instrumental in securing government permission for the construction.

- *Born: 1880, Minneapolis, MN*
- *Occupation: Investor; Contractor*
- *Boat: 55' Auxiliary Sloop "Angelica" and 62' Schooner "Red Jacket"*



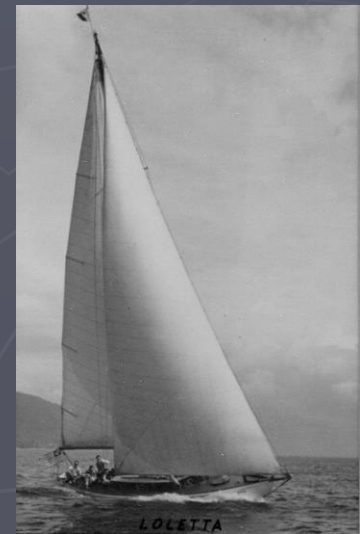
C. B. WARREN 1938

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SEATTLE YACHT CLUB:

- A modernization plan is now being put into effect at our Club in order to provide members with improved and efficient service and make it more attractive. Your Officers sincerely hope you will make - yourselves acquainted with and make use of them.
- Your Flag Officers and the Trustees will not be satisfied until the entire facilities of the Club have been overhauled.
- The Seattle Yacht Club has an important mission to perform. On its shoulders should rest, the leadership in yachting and water sports amongst Seattle's citizenry.
- If it is to assume its rightful position it can gain greater recognition as one of the city's most valuable agencies in promoting healthy marine activities; build self reliance in its coming younger membership and create what is a greet need today~ spirit of true camaraderie.
- Let us all take our trick at the wheel in steering our ship in the right direction.
- Each and every member of the Seattle Yacht Club should conscientiously be able to strike eight bells and report. ALL'S WELL."



- *Occupation: Shipping and Commission Merchant, Insurance Agent*
- *Boat: 40' Auxiliary Sloop "Loletta"*



MARVIN S. ALLYN 1939 & 1940

To the Members of the Seattle Yacht Club

The new arrangement and type of material contained herein are evidence of the thought and hard work that have gone into the makeup of this Annual. It is hoped this book will prove so useful to skippers that it will command a place alongside of your binnacles. Other members should find so much inspiration within its pages that armchair cruises will soon give way to real ones.

In addition to all this, and more important too, it is hoped the convenient lists of members and yachts will enable our large membership to become better acquainted to the end that many new friendships may be developed and old ones strengthened. Yachting on Puget Sound under any condition is a grand sport, but yachting with a host of real friends-that has no equal.

So here's our wish of a wonderful season for each of you and may we still further develop the reputation that "The Seattle Yacht Club is a Friendly Club." SYC Year Book, 1939

If you own a boat, If you DON'T own a boat - You should join the Seattle Yacht Club! As beautiful a yacht club location as there is in America. A first class restaurant and coffee shop-with LOW prices. A first class bar.

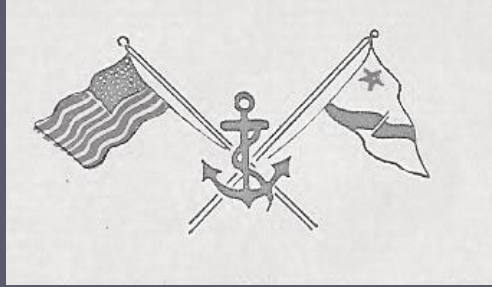
The Marine Room, with its view over the water, is unusual and luxurious. For your entertainment a constant round of lectures, dances and parties. The dues are LOWER than those of any other first class club in the west. -SYC Yearbook, 1940



- **Occupation: Comptroller, Washington Cooperative Farmers Assoc.**
- **Boat: 38' Gas Yacht "Spindrift"**



H. W. MCCURDY 1941



*"And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave"*

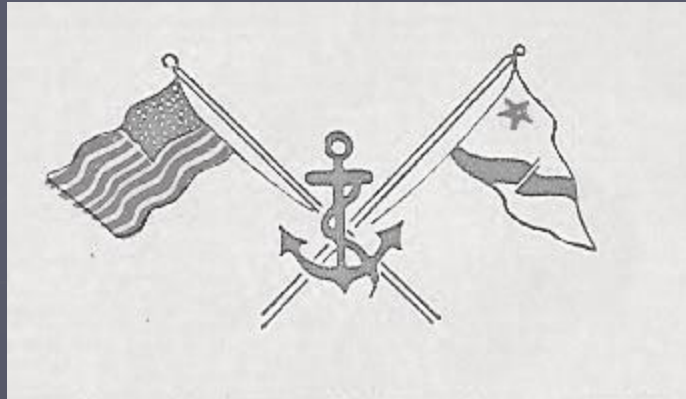
- **Born:** 1899, Port Townsend, WA
- **Education:** Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- **Occupation:** Engineer, Shipbuilder, Owner Puget Sound Bridge and Dredge
- **Boats:** "Moby Dick and Blue Peter"



Blue Peter



ROBERT S. MACFARLANE 1942



To the many members of the Seattle Yacht Club who are serving their Country in the Armed Forces both ashore and afloat, at home and abroad, this Annual is Respectfully Dedicated



- **Born:** 1899, Minneapolis, MN
- **Education:** Brown University and University of Washington
- **Occupation:** Lawyer
- **Boat:** 31' Gas Yacht "Merrymac"



E. ROY RAPHAEL 1943



- *Occupation: Shell Oil Co., Executive*
- *Boat: 42' Stevens Bros. Powerboat "Venture"*

ALLEN B. ENGLE 1944

TO THE SEATTLE YACHT CLUB MEMBERS IN THE ARMED FORCES

Ahoy! shipmates, where'er you maybe, on land or sea. Greetings and best wishes from the officers; directors and fellow-members of the Seattle Yacht Club.

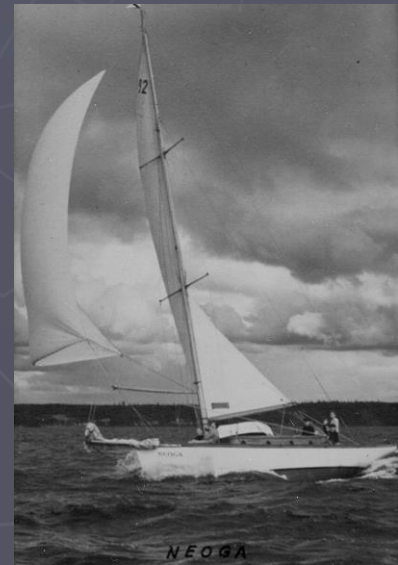
We are exceedingly proud of the one hundred thirty-nine furloughed members whose names are inscribed on the roll of honor. The two gold stars honoring one junior and one associate member serve as a constant reminder of the sacrifices and hardship's that all of you are doing on our behalf.

You will undoubtedly be glad to know that your fellow yachtsmen on Portage Bay; along with the members of their families, are making their contributions to the war effort on the home front. Many are engaged in the production of planes, ships, tanks, and many other materials essential to the war effort. Flotilla 24 of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, sponsored by the Seattle Yacht Club., was actively engaged in patrolling the waters of Puget Sound and carrying out important assignments for the United States Coast Guard and Navy from the date Dutch Harbor was bombed until the recapture of on August 21, 1943. Plans are now under way by the United States Coast Guard to again utilize the personnel of our organization in Port Security work and thereby release more men in active service for sea duty. Many of your former shipmates hold responsible positions in the organizations for Civilian Defense, Ration Boards, War Bond Drives, Navy Manpower Survey Groups, War Production Board, Draft Board, and numerous other wartime agencies. The ladies of your Club, too, are unselfishly devoting their time in hours of toil for the Red Cross, the U.S.O., Officers Club, Hospitals, and many other agencies devoted to the service and entertainment of our soldiers and sailors.

In the midst of all this wartime activity your Seattle Yacht Club has been able to successfully carry on and preserve its treasured tradition. Our schedule for the year calls for a yachting program as complete as wartime conditions will permit. "Opening Day" has been set for Sunday, May 7, and we have already extended our invitation to several hundred overseas convalescent sailors from the U. S. Navy Hospital in Seattle to be aboard our yachts and participate in the races and festivities of the day. May God speed the day when we may all join together again and sail out of Portage Bay in that grand celebration of "Opening Day" commemorating your victory.



- *Occupation: President, Pacific Waxed Paper*
- *Boat: 40' Auxiliary Sloop "Neoga"*



ALLEN B. ENGLE 1945

TO THE SEATTLE YACHT CLUB MEMBERS IN THE ARMED FORCES

Once again your fellow officers, directors... and members of the Seattle Yacht Club send you hearty greetings! May we congratulate you for your signal achievements here at home and On the battlefronts overseas. Your names are inscribed on our Club Service Roll and proudly indicate that a large percentage of our membership is today actively engaged in this momentous struggle. The sacrifice which this entails is brought home to us daily and we are not unaware of its significance.

At the time of this writing, news from all of the battlefronts is highly encouraging. Those of you who are serving in the Pacific area under General MacArthur and Admiral Nimitz are now re-conquering the Philippines. Dramatic news from the Western Front informs us that the American First Army has crossed the Rhine. These spectacular events, though far separated, are most heart-warming to those of us at home.

Even as war-clouds hang over us now, we can see better yachting days ahead for all. Yes, the future of yachting in the Pacific Northwest is exceedingly bright. This is one of the few regions in the entire country where yachtsmen have been able to maintain a restricted program during the entire war period. Many of the finest yachts from the East Coast, the Great Lakes, and California have found new owners right here in our own Club. Racing competition in both power and sail will be keener than ever and hundreds of new yachtsmen will learn for the first time the joy of cruising in the waters that lie to the North.

Your Club has been making adequate plans to continue its leadership among the yacht clubs of the Pacific Coast. The Club indebtedness which stood at \$29,750.00 in October, 1943, will be paid off in full by the end of this current year. Committees are actively engaged in devising a plan to build up a cash fund that will enable us to properly finance a program involving the complete renovation of the Club House, the rebuilding and extension of the South Dock, as well as the addition of several new docks when materials, supplies and labor are available following the war. The Port Madison property, acquired by the Club through donations from individual members and which was fully described in the current issue of the "Binnacle," will prove a most valuable asset in our yachting program in the years that lie ahead.

Following the practice of the past three years our traditional Opening Day, Sunday May 6, will be held largely to provide a day's outing on Lake Washington for the wounded and convalescent sailors, marines and Coast guardsmen from the V. S. Naval Hospital here in Seattle.

May Divine Providence bring an early end to this terrible conflict and return you safely to your fellow yachtsmen so that we may join together again in a victorious celebration of "Opening Day" and enjoy the normal yachting pleasures that follow.



- *Occupation: President, Pacific Waxed Paper*
- *Boat: 40' Auxiliary Sloop "Neoga"*



JAMES F. UNICUME 1946 & 1947

TO THE RETURNING FURLOUGHED MEMBERS OF THE SEATTLE YACHT CLUB:

The Officers, Trustees and Members extend to you a hearty welcome home. Your service rendered to our country will be remembered through the years to come. Your youth and enthusiasm will be an important factor in the future development of the Seattle Yacht Club and yachting in the Northwest.

A full program of sail and power boat races for the coming year has been scheduled. The Pacific International Yachting Association Regatta and the International Cruiser Race, which were suspended during the war, will again be held this year. Plans have been completed for a full calendar of social events which will give us an opportunity to greet you and aid you in renewing old yachting acquaintances.

In memory of Harry d'Evers and Calhoun Watson, who made the supreme sacrifice during the war, with God's help may the members of the Seattle Yacht Club through their thoughts and deeds do their part to preserve the American way of life for which these brave men gave their lives.



- *Occupation: Manager, George A. Hormel and Co.*
- *Boat: 30' Gas Yacht "Sea Scamp"*



ARTHUR M. RUSSELL 1948

This is YOUR CLUB; Make the most of it! Not a particularly brilliant nor startling statement, is it? Yet, there is a reason to wonder how deeply the awareness of this fact penetrates the consciousness of the mind of the average member of any Club.

Neither your officers, chairmen, committee members nor employees have within their scope, the possibility of doing everything necessary to the Club's ultimate success. Fellowship is born of association. Satisfaction stems from activity. The culmination of these two produces pleasure. Learn to know the other fellow who belongs to YOUR CLUB, You will find your interests are kindred. Respect his opinions and grant him his ideals. Despite differences you are both working toward the same goal the success of the Seattle Yacht Club.

Take active part in the organization which represents the hobby all of us have in common. Whether you be a sailing enthusiast or a devotee to the thing that makes the world go round: Power. Take a personal interest in the affairs of your club.

I am proud, indeed, to be the senior officer of this Club, but it needs YOU more than it does the officers. Give it your best. It will repay you in untold pleasure.



- *Occupation: Distributor, Johnson and Johnson Medical Supplies*
- *Boat: 48' Monk "Nan"*



CHARLES R. OLMSTEAD 1949

Our Club has been organized over forty years and the present Clubhouse started thirty years ago. Under effectual leadership of carefully selected officers the Club has shown a steady growth in membership and material worth; the present membership being 752, an all time high, and our equity in the Club is \$154,115.10 which is also the highest on record!

Your Club holds an enviable position among yacht clubs as it has always led in yachting activities. It is also the yacht club in the Pacific Northwest which furnishes complete club service, with first class meal service six days per week. This requires a well trained staff of employees under efficient management. Your regular use of these club services makes it possible to continue them.

Our Committees have planned many interesting events for the year 1949 and it is our hope that you will attend and enjoy them.

Your Officers and Directors join me in our pledge to continue to build toward a sounder and better future for Seattle Yacht Club.



- *Born: 1894, Kalamazoo, MI*
- *Occupation: Olmstead Opticians*
- *Boat: 42' Sloop "Tola"*



TOM D. TYRER 1950

I would like to pay tribute to the fine cooperative spirit of the club membership. This has been demonstrated in the ready acceptance by individual members of committee assignments and responsibilities. A small boat program is being developed through the efforts of Phil Smith and Mid Chism that will stimulate greater interest in club activities among the younger members.

The regatta and racing schedules being lined up through the joint efforts of the sail and power boat committees, under the leadership of Howie Richmond and Frank Morris, will stimulate cooperation between the two groups and will afford much pleasure to participating yachtsmen.

The effective work being done by the Board of Directors and standing committees is fully recognized and a word of appreciation is in order for: Rear Commodore Bob Condon, Chairman House Committee, Fleet Captain Con Knutson, Secretary John Day, Treasurer Jack Warburton.

Members are urged to use the facilities of their club and can enjoy their affiliation to the fullest extent only by their participation in its activities.



- *Occupation: President, Washington Asphalt Co*
- *(Died in Office)*
- *Boat: 38' Motor Yacht "Lady Grace"*



DR. R. PHILIP SMITH 1951 & 1952

April 12, 1952

We, as members of the Seattle Yacht Club, can be proud that we belong to one of the finest yacht club in America, nestled in a snug fresh water harbor, immediately adjacent to a beautiful inland lake with easy access to smooth, protected salt water. We are indeed fortunate in having such fine shore facilities, consisting of beautiful grounds, an excellent clubhouse with fine cuisine, and marvelous docks.

During the past year, our burgee has been carried with honor to numerous continents by both power and masted vessels. Our power and sailboat racing and cruising was enjoyed by thousands of people who love these sports. Our club is known the world over as the home of the Slo- Mo-Shuns, the world's fastest speed boats, and we can be proud that our Gold Cup Regatta of 1951 was acclaimed the finest of all time.

During the 1952 season, our enviable position carries with it even added responsibilities. Never in our history have we faced such a tremendous program. Hundreds of visiting boats will be here for our traditional Opening Day Regatta; thousands of people will come from all over the U. S. to attend the Pacific Coast Championships; and our second Gold Cup Regatta is expected to draw in excess of over 400,000 spectators. These activities, along with the small boat Sea-Fair Regatta and our routine sailing and power boat activities, are part of the outstanding events scheduled for this year. This challenging program will be handled adequately because of our willingness to work together to further the sport of yachting. It's a big year; let us all pull together. Your officers, trustees, and committee chairmen again join me in pledging continued progress for the Seattle Yacht Club.



- *Born: 1908, Massachusetts*
- *Education: Kansas University Medical School*
- *Occupation: Physician and Surgeon (Ob-Gyn)*
- *Boats: 46' Sloop "Gossip, Gossip Too"*



FRANK D. JAMES 1953

As this message is being written for our 1952-1953 year book, we have reached the mid point in our yachting year. Tradition would dictate that I review the accomplishments of our past, point with pride to our present and anticipate with confidence, the future. Seriously, I would well devote this space to such purpose. Especially would it be appropriate that I recall the vast debt which we owe to past administrations for the present health and prosperity of our club. Equally appropriate would be my sincere appreciation for the fine officers and committees and the equally fine professional staff which have already made this year an insured success.

But, I have been accused (unjustly, of course) by certain irresponsible elements in the club (my wife included) of being "stuffy." So after mature thought and deliberation I have determined that I should once and for all time squelch this base canard by giving my message in the form of a poem.

**"May your winds be fair
But not *too* strong.
Your petrol pure,
Your vacations long.
May your ship be blessed
With sober crews,
But don't forget To pay your dues."**



- *Born: 1907, Seattle, WA*
- *Education: University of Washington Law School*
- *Occupation: Lawyer, King County Superior Court Judge*
- *Boats: Amicus Curiae, Footloose and "Khorasan"*



MIDDLETON M. CHISM 1954

The Seattle Yacht Club symbolizes the highest tradition of comradeship, clean sport and good fun - a place where the cares of the world submit to nautical freedom.

Although we are experiencing a period of uneasy peace throughout the world, it is my hope that the international sport of yachting will, in some measure, contribute to permanent peace.

Every club must have a forceful purpose to be really successful. Through fifty-nine years of growth and progress the Seattle Yacht Club has ever demonstrated its high quality of purpose and has handed down to us a myriad of accomplishments.

This year I should like to see us concentrate upon the development of our young people, encourage them to acquire nautical skill, learn to play and compete and take to the water whenever or wherever they can. Support our Juniors and the Junior Instruction and Sailing program. For, only through our young people will we perpetuate the great traditions of our club.

My hopes are that you enjoy even greater pleasure this year participating in the activities and utilizing the facilities of the Seattle Yacht Club.



- **Occupation:** Orchardist & Philanthropist
- **Education:** West Point
- **Boats:** 41' Monk Cruiser "Cheri"



JOHN A. SODERBERG 1955

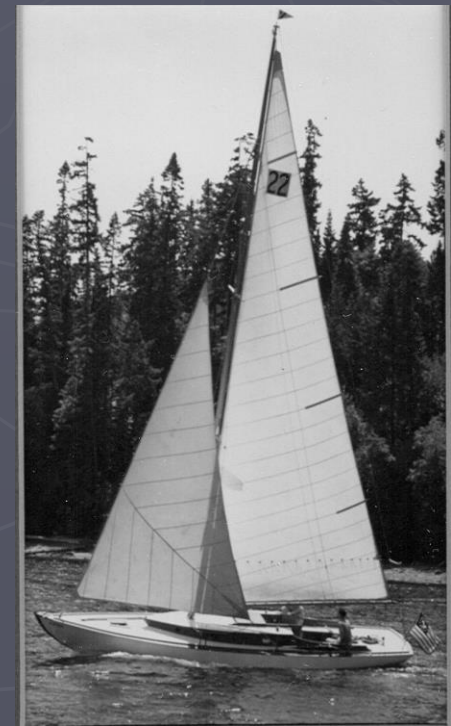
Thanks to distinguished past skippers and hearty cooperation from mates and foremast hands, the good ship Seattle Yacht Club is a tight craft, ready for any weather. With all sails pulling, our quarters attractive, our galley shining anew, our lobscouse and plum duff the best, the grog cask broached on the upper deck and a ship's chest with sufficient pieces-of-eight, our craft is sound below and aloft.

The day-by-day operations, chipping, caulking, painting, swabbing and replenishing of stores, will leave abundant energies for other ends. Yachting is an avocation that we enjoy in the world's most favored waters, with *boon* companions of our own choosing; it is further, a way of life that we should make more safe and pleasant for the growing family of addicts. This *year* we may well place special emphasis on encouraging the development of more shore stations and protected anchorages that are essential to new and small boat owners, regardless of Yacht Club membership. Incidentally, in no other way may we better serve our Junior Members, whose welfare must continue to be our program of first importance.

Come aboard more often. Be an active crew member. With your participation, my wish to you for pleasant sailing in our good ship will be abundantly realized in 1955.



- **Born:** 1911, Seattle, WA
- **Education:** University of Washington
- **Occupation:** Insurance Broker
- **Boats:** 33' Sloop "Lady Alice and Eugenia"



HOWARD E. RICHMOND 1956

To ALL MEMBERS OF THE B.G.D.Y.C.I.T.W.W.W. Greetings!

To those of you who do not recognize the above initials, you can probably find out their meaning in any free country in the world today where our members have traveled, or the Burgees of our yachts have reached.

Although about five months of Our fiscal year have passed, the real activities have not yet begun; and we are now looking forward to Saturday, May 5th, the Annual Opening Day of the Seattle Yacht Club, heralding the beginning of the Summer's water activities in the Pacific Northwest. Hundreds of boats and thousands of participant and spectators from practically every yacht club in the area will be here that day.

On Sunday, August 5th,. thousands of people from all over the United States and Canada will come to Seattle to see the Seafair Trophy Race, the successor to the famous Gold Cup Race, which is administered entirely by a committee made up of Seattle Yacht Club members.

During the week of September 10th, we are again privileged to have been asked to conduct,. in conjunction with the Corinthian Yacht Club, the North/ American Sailing Championships - the Mallory Cup Series.

We have a full season of both sail and power boat, racing and cruising activities, topped by the Pacific Coast Yachting Association Championships, which will be held this year in Victoria simultaneously with the Annual PIYA Regatta, from July 1st to the 6th.

At this point I especially wish to commend the members of the Board of Trustees, committee chairmen, and members of their committees, for the outstanding jobs they are performing at the present time. With their help and cooperation, and God willing, this year should be an outstanding one in the annals of the Seattle Yacht Club.



- **Born: 1914, San Francisco, CA**
- **Education: University of Washington**
- **Occupation: Wholesale Grocer: Northern Commercial Company**
- **Boats: 51' Monk Cruisers "Polho I through V"**



ANDERSON S. JOY 1957

Your Club is well into the second half of its first century of existence. It is continuing to grow and prosper. Because of you, its Members, it holds an enviable position in yachting circles, and it is also firmly entrenched as a leading civic institution.

Our Membership is at an all-time high, and we are in a sound position financially. We enjoy a healthy and mutually pleasant relationship with our neighbors, with the various departments of our State and City governments, as well as with the United States Navy and Coast Guard, Army and other Federal agencies.

The past year saw us unusually successful in yachting circles, and never before has our trophy locker been so full of nationally and internationally recognized trophies, representing all phases of boating competition.

This coming summer promises to be a busy one, starting with our traditional Opening Day on May 4th. We are hosts, this year, to the annual Pacific International Yachting Association sailboat regatta during the first week in July, which event will be closely followed by the International Power Boat Association Cruiser Race from Tacoma to Vancouver, British Columbia. One of our members will be defending the over-all trophy which he won in the latter event last year, and it is hoped that our active power boat contingent will again be well represented among the high point winners upon arrival in Vancouver.

We have the honor again to be defending the Gold Cup on Lake Washington in August, and the many problems involved in that connection are already receiving the combined attention of an experienced committee. Our recent acquisition of additional property at Port Madison will enable us properly to develop our outside station there. The forthcoming advent of the Shilshole Bay Breakwater presents new problems and possibilities.

All indications are for a highly interesting active and successful year which your Officers and Board of Trustees pledge you their utmost cooperation in accomplishing.



- *Born: 1900, Colorado Springs, CO*
- *Education: University of Washington (Mechanical Engineering)*
- *Occupation: Boeing Engineer, Retired marine division, Travelers Insurance*
- *Crewed on "Sir Tom, Circe, and Alarm"*



T. DAYTON DAVIES 1958

The honor to serve as your Commodore during 1958, bestowed on me by the members of the best yacht club in the whole wide world, I accepted with pride and the humble determination to justify your confidence in my ability to successfully follow in the traditions of a long line of respected and worthy past leaders.

At mid year, we find the Seattle Yacht Club with a well rounded program in full progress, including sailing, power boating, speed boat racing, junior activities, and social events. Membership has been kept at a high level with due care being given to our standards; the renovation of the club house has greatly improved our quarters and facilities; Port Madison has seen the start of what should be a great. long range development program; and, while accomplishing this, the financial condition of our club remains in an exceedingly sound and healthy condition.

A deserved recognition and full credit should go to the Board of Trustees, committee chairmen and members, our loyal employees, and, in fact, the entire cooperative and helpful membership, who are making the Seattle Yacht Club what it is today.

With the present yachting season now under way, I sincerely hope that you are all able to look forward to spending more time on the water, in our finest summer yachting country in the world, for I know that your future remembrances will always include sailing proudly behind the Seattle Yacht Club burgee, as the happiest and most pleasant time of your career.



- *Born: 1903, Seattle, WA*
- *Education: University of Washington*
- *Occupation: Automobile Dealer (Davies' Chevrolet)*
- *Boats: 42' & 54' Chris crafts called "Sea Cookie"*



ROBERT W. CONDON 1959

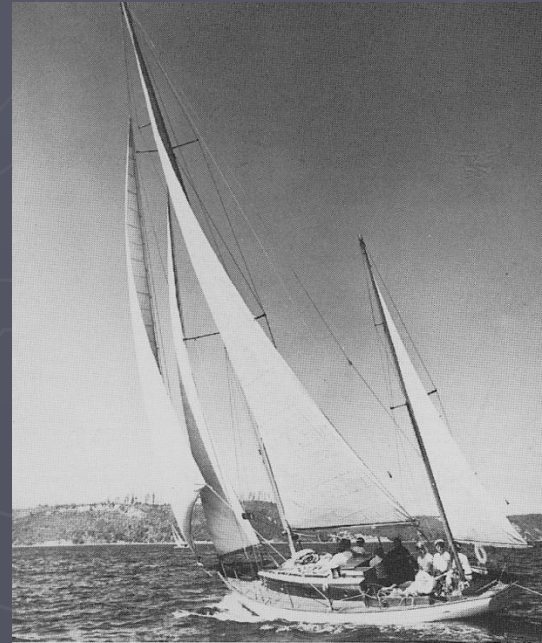
If there are any members of the Seattle Yacht Club who still are not convinced that this is the "Best - - Yacht Club in the whole wide world" let them attend our Thursday Luncheons and, I feel sure, their doubts will be dispelled. Here they will feel the pulse of the organization; catch the spirit of good fellowship; and savor the fine cuisine. Here also they will become aware of the many pleasant activities in which they and their families may participate, and of the fine physical plant that is here for their enjoyment. These, in brief, justify our proud boast!

An unusually busy program is now underway, made possible by the untiring efforts of our very capable officers, trustees, committee chairmen and a host of active members carrying on in the tradition of those before them. My thanks to them and to our staff for an excellent start on what promises to be a wonderful year for the Seattle Yacht Club.

It is my sincere wish that during the course of this year's activities our paths will cross and that my year will be enriched by becoming a little better acquainted with each of you.



- *Born: 1907, Seattle, WA*
- *Education: University of Washington*
- *Occupation: Manager Graystone Seattle Plant, Consulting Engineer*
- *Boats: Lively Lady, 36' Hunter Powerboat Called Tahsis & "Valkyrie"*



Don't Forget to Visit the Club's website for more Historical Slide Shows

- ▶ History of Commodores & Flagships
- ▶ Events that shaped our History
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M. PHIL BUTLER 1960 & 1961

GREETINGS TO ALL THE MEMBERS:

The honor of being Commodore of the Seattle Yacht Club is greatly appreciated by me, I assure you, and is assumed with a feeling of gratitude and determination to do all within my power to further the welfare of the Club.

We, here in the great Northwest, living in a free nation, with our ideal cruising waters, combined with those of our friends from British Columbia, enjoy boating advantages that are without equal anywhere, and for which, I am sure; we are all grateful.

There has been an upsurge of interest in power boat racing, Junior activities and the Port Madison Fo'c's'le, which, along with the great interest in sailboat racing and Seafair activities, bespeaks a vigorous and vital club.

Our membership, during the past ten years, has increased approximately fifty per cent. Plans are being made by the Officers and the Planning Committee for further progress in the future.

To the Officers, Board of Trustees, all members participating in the activities of the Club, and to our fine employees, I wish to extend my sincere thanks for all your excellent work during the year. Your willingness and cooperation are greatly appreciated and your contributions are what make us an outstanding club.

May the coming yachting season and year be a successful one in all its phases and may the burgee of the Seattle Yacht Club sail on forevermore.



- *Born: 1899, Indianapolis, Ind.*
- *Education: University of Washington*
- *Occupation: Contractor (M. P. Butler Construction)*
- *Boats: Hyades III, Phil's Folly & "Paramour"*



JOHN FORD 1962

GREETINGS FELLOW MEMBERS:

Our Club is outstanding and of such wonderful people.

Our members are devoted to the Club and very active in all of its programs. Everyone 1. have asked to take a committee chairmanship or other responsibility has responded with great enthusiasm and I thank them all for their excellent work.

I must also commend our staff and employees because they contribute so much to make our Club most enjoyable.

It is a great privilege to be your Commodore. "Thank you for letting me serve" and I know the other officers join with me in appreciation of these rewarding experiences. is so because our membership is made

Yours for happy sailing.



- *Born: 1910, Denver, CO*
- *Education: Denver Art Student's League*
- *Occupation: Epcon Company, Electromatic Corp.*
- *Boats: 34' Sloop "Watauga"*



DR. CARLTON J. POWERS 1963

As this message is being written, we are in the process of improvements and additions which have been made possible by the work and efforts of former Commodores and members, and by the cooperative spirit of each one of you.

I would like to pay tribute to the officers, the Board of Trustees, the committee chairmen and their members for the outstanding results they are producing. And for our fine staff of employees, we are most grateful.

The B.G.D.Y.C.I.T.W.W. offers every member varied activities which promote interest, fellowship, improved seamanship, clean sport and good fun. The more you participate, the stronger your club will be and it will continue to hold its enviable position in the yachting circles of our beautiful Northwest.

May you thoroughly enjoy the new galley and dining facilities and use them to capacity, and may your cherished craft rest protectively under the new covered moorage.



- *Born: 1898, Marshall, MI*
- *Education: University of Michigan*
- *Occupation: Dentist*
- *Boats; 42' Motor Yacht "Nautilus, Nautilus II"*



DON H. AMICK 1964

GREETINGS, YACHTSMEN

This is one of the finest clubs I have ever been associated with and the cooperation from you members, committeemen, officers, trustees and the employees makes the job of Commodore a very pleasant duty. I have not found one soul who would not do his part when asked to do so. The men before me have done a wonderful job of providing a tremendous clubhouse and facilities for us all and as the years go on we will keep having TBGDYCI TWWW. During this year we will complete phase II of the covered moorages and many smaller but important improvements in the Clubhouse itself. We must keep our club in constant repair so when we start phase III, in a year or so, the job will be easier. Good luck to a fine crew of "guys and gals."



- *Born: 1913, Seattle, WA*
- *Occupation: self-employed (Amick Metal Fabricators)*
- *Boats: (five others) 38' Hattaras Cruiser "Amicable Too"*



HAROLD HOVLAND 1965

GREETINGS, YACHTSMEN:

An organization such as our club either grows, remains static or regresses. The spirit of Seattle is growth and the spirit of the Seattle Yacht Club reflects this. Under leadership of your past Commodores and officers, this club has continually improved its facilities and services to club members. This, we will continue to do. Your club provides more facilities to yachting people than any other club in the nation at comparable cost. This is due to the activity and participation of its members.

Our basic membership consists of three main groups. Those who love boats but are not active yachtsmen, sailing yachtsmen, and powerboat yachtsmen. I believe this club provides well for all three groups and we will continue to do so.

On another page you will see an organization chart of the club. Your officers, board members and committee chairmen, with the help of a great many members actively serving on their committees, are responsible for the success of this club. Your club manager has cognizance over all paid employees and is responsible only to your board. Active service on one or more committees will reward you with greater pleasure from your Seattle Yacht Club membership.

Also our Junior Group has an active sailing program and social calendar. They are learning the fundamentals of sailing and more important, of being yachtsmen.

Last but by no means least, we have an active women's group in our club. This is a fun group but they serve the club well. How many of you have seen our fine Port Madison facility, know of our *fleet* of sailing dinghies and courses of instruction available? How many of you have used our new dining room and know of the varied menus and wine lists we have. The Marine Room with its colored TV and TV viewing for the children in the Commodore's Room is yours. We do indeed have a fine club and one that is constantly being improved.

I appreciate the opportunity of serving as your Commodore and will do my best to promote your interest.



- **Born: 1904, Colfax, WI**
- **Education: University of Washington**
- **Occupation: self-employed (Industrial X-Ray)**
- **Boats: (owned nine boats through the years) "Gala II"**



BEN BENTON 1966

Greetings, Seattle Yacht Club Members:

As your 1966 Commodore I am indeed proud to be added to the list of forty-seven previous Commodores. Our Club is on the move and only because of the many hours of work by our Board of Trustees, Flag Officers, Committee Chairmen, Committee members, Club employees and *in fact*, all of our members.

We see this year, the completion of our covered moorage program with, for the first time in many years, a waiting list for dock space. We see our new dining room filled to capacity at many luncheons. We see our student Junior sailing program as second to none (has won the McCurdy Junior Cup for our Club two years in a row), and we see our club's social and boating events being participated in by record numbers.

Our Seattle Yacht Club is truly an active club and you are to be congratulated because you made it this way.



- **Born:** 1921, Seattle, WA
- **Education:** University of Washington
- **Occupation:** Jeweler
- **Boats:** Owned a Flattie, Lightning, Blanchard, & 44' Cruiser Otter & 2 "Ospreys"



FREDERICK C. PETERSON 1967

As our country grows physically in population, economically in strength-so the problems increase for both the individual and the State. With this increased tempo in living every person should have some place to turn in order to change the pace of living and obtain the relaxation afforded by a pleasant hobby.

The SYC offers this and much more. Our membership now approaching some 1800 members are all persons who speak a common language-a love for a boat-a love for the sea. For this membership the club provides properties valued in excess of two million dollars, consisting of a beautiful club house and moorage in the heart of Seattle; another club house and moorage in the rustic setting of Port Madison; and in addition we have an island of our own in the midst of the picturesque British Columbia cruising area. All of this has made the SYC the greatest yacht club in the *country*.

It is my privilege and pleasure to be able to serve as your Commodore. For this I thank you. I trust that my efforts will be of some assistance in continuing the reputation of SYC being the greatest club and that our~ mutual hobby will serve you for a longer and more pleasant life.



- *Born: 1909, Hoquiam, WA*
- *Education: University of Washington Law School*
- *Occupation: Lawyer*
- *Boat: 38' Powerboat "Molly Shannon"*



CHESTER (CHET) C. ADAIR 1968

Some seventy-five years ago our predecessors in Seattle Yacht Club started our organization with the energy typical of yachtsmen. From the first its spirit was felt in the community and then progressively in the Puget Sound country and the entire Northwest. Today the spirit of our club is known and felt throughout the country and even overseas. A little reflection on what has been done and is being done in the way of capital acquisition and improvements under the long-range plan commenced in 1966 makes it evident there has to be a limit to the membership size because of increasing demands upon the facilities of the club. Our area is undergoing a tremendous acceleration in population placing more pleasure craft on our waters. Necessarily there have been a large number of new yachting clubs and organizations springing up on Puget Sound and it is quite evident there will be many, many more coming into existence. Because of the increasing congestion on waters there will be call for more inter-club activity and cooperation and we all hope that Seattle Yacht Club will be pre-eminent in this effort.

Your officers, board and the members of the committees concerned are now going through the period of the ten-year plan wherein refinements are being brought to the facilities both at the home port and at the outstations. We do not want the biggest yacht club in the whole wide world - we only want the best.



- **1968 Born:** 1907, Seattle, WA
- **Education:** U. of W. Law School
- **Occupation:** Lawyer
- **Boats:** 28' Ketch "Ichiban"



WALLACE (WALLY) OVENS 1969

It goes without saying that fulfilling the position of Commodore of the Seattle Yacht Club is beyond the competence of one man working alone. The advice and support of the Board of Trustees, the assistance of the committee chairmen and their respective committee members, and the loyal and faithful cooperation of the club manager and club employees that has been rendered so generously and conscientiously is the key to the successful operation of our yacht club.

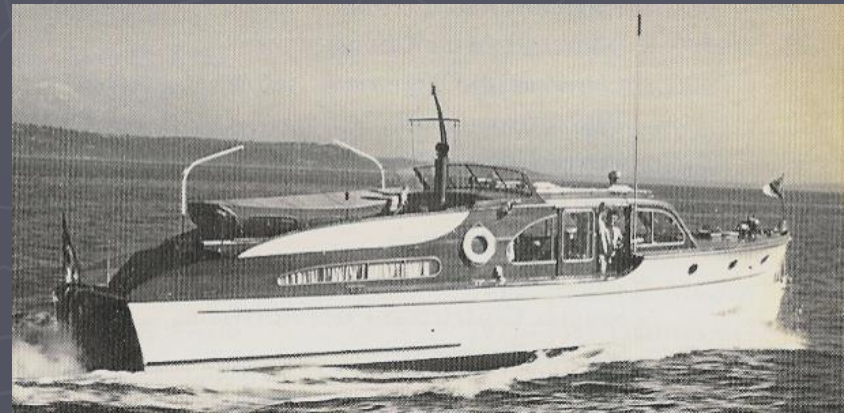
During the past three years that I have served as one of your flag officers, I have visited all the other yacht clubs in this area and have in return, entertained their flag officers. I have received many notes from our guests praising the Seattle Yacht Club parties, our clubhouse and the courtesies extended by our members.

To each and all of you I extend my sincere gratitude for the opportunity of serving as your Commodore and I do hope that in the years to come, I can continue to be of assistance to you and the Seattle Yacht Club.

Smooth and happy sailing to you all for the years to come.



- *Born: 1899, Seattle, WA*
- *Occupation: X-Ray Sales (Western X-Ray)*
- *Boats: 42' Monk/Jensen "Islander"*



DONALD L. THOMPSON 1970

It has indeed been a great honor for me to serve as the fifty- second Commodore of the Seattle Yacht Club. To be in a position to assist in the direction and growth of this fine organization has been most rewarding. I have been blessed with a very capable Board of Trustees, who have provided excellent policy background to all of our active and vital committees.

I am pleased to report that 1970 will see the beginning of "Phase I" of our long range plan. The success of our efforts here is a direct result of the interest and action of our membership. Without it, our program would certainly have been delayed and possibly cancelled. The construction and remodeling will be an outstanding addition to our club facilities.

Our Henry Island outstation has been implemented by approval of the Board, in principal, of a water system, docks and floats, as well as a clubroom, showers and baths. This is a property that we can be proud of. Extending our thinking, we have initiated studies on the future direction of the club as respects shore facilities, both in Seattle and cruising stations. I believe the result and recommendations will be interesting to all members.

In closing, may I say that I feel the Seattle Yacht Club is fit and healthy and is looking forward to many more years of contributing both to yachting and to the enjoyment of its members. Personally, it has been a great experience to participate as your Commodore. Many thanks.



- *Born: 1918, Seattle, WA*
- *Education: University of Washington*
- *Occupation: Insurance Broker (P.J. Perry Co., Fred S. James Co.)*
- *Boats: Meteora I & II Spray (36' Sloop)*



RICHARD H. SHORETT 1971

This is going to be a progressive year for the Seattle Yacht Club, a year of consolidation. Phase I has been completed. The long-range planning committee is re-studying Phase III and it is hoped they will come up with their recommendations in the near future. In addition, the committee is researching our salt-water needs.

They will advise us as to the need of moorages, dry storage, parking, and Clubhouse facilities. The outstation committee will continue to investigate suitable sites for our salt-water station. The achievement of past committees has been productive and I am sure these committees will be no exception. Your Club by its heritage will always be alert to the needs of all its members.

It is hard to find the words to express the great honor I feel in serving as your Commodore. I have loyal and conscientious support from the Board of Trustees, as well as the committee chairmen and their fine committees. Most important, I wish to extend my appreciation on behalf of the club members for the capable services of Manager, Fred Taylor, and his crew.

Each and everyone of you contribute to the fine success of the Seattle Yacht Club. Mrs. Shorett and I wish to thank you personally for your cooperation during my term as your 53rd Commodore.



- *Born: 1909, Seattle, WA*
- *Education: University of Washington*
- *Occupation: Founder, Metropolitan Savings & Loan/Seattle Home Mortgage*
- *Boats: Safari, Seamew, Nelsonia*



JOSEPH L. WILLIAMS 1972

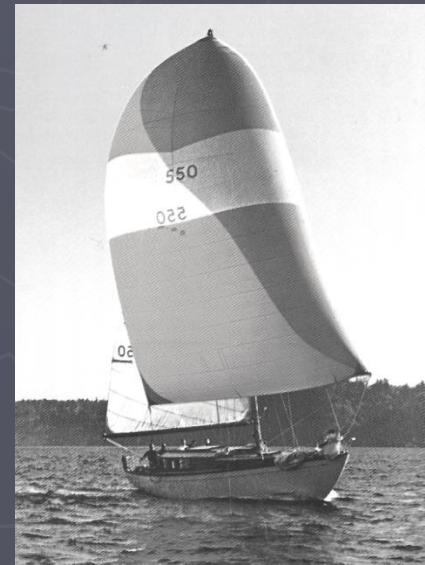
This year we proudly celebrate the Seattle Yacht Club's eightieth birthday, alive with vitality and healthier than ever. We have grown from a handful of yachtsmen in 1892 to nearly full maturity and can be proud indeed of our accomplishments during those eighty years. Now we stand in the enviable position of one of the finest yacht clubs in America.

It is the vitality and spirit of our membership which has put us where we are today. It is this same vitality that gives our club the impetus for growth and progress; and our willingness to further the sport of yachting ties us in a bond of enduring friendship and tradition. This year the Officers and Trustees join me in a pledge to continue the fine standards and traditions of which we have always been so proud.

It is indeed a great honor to serve as your 54th Commodore, an honor I will cherish always.



- Born 1931, Los Angeles, CA
- Education: University of Washington
- Occupation: Architect (Williams & Associates Inc.), Legislator
- Boats: Maria Cal 40, "Nor'wester" (K5)



PETER J. MCTAVISH 1973

Once again we are embarked on a year of trial and endeavor, to make the accomplishments and rewards of our club more meaningful than ever. It is gratifying, and at the same time humbling, to realize that the vitality and spirit of our club does not spring just from a few, temporarily in charge, but from a host of members, newcomers and old timers, young and not so young, who fill in the ranks of the committees. They provide the expertise which IS needed In every endeavor, and especially they provide the enthusiasm which we need to make every Seattle Yacht Club event memorable. Particularly, then, I owe a debt of gratitude to everyone of you members, for you make the Commodore's job fun, and worthwhile.

But there is more to what makes a great club go, for without the Officers and Trustees, the Chairmen of the Committees and the individual members willing to commit themselves to extra burdens, the rest of us would have a hard time indeed. Also, it is gratifying to have a devoted Manager and Staff who make us so proud of the establishment we share. It is a privilege to serve as your 54th Commodore, and I will always be grateful to you all for this opportunity. We have a great yacht club. We must make it better.



- *Born: 1919, Calgary, Alberta, Canada*
- *Education: University of British Columbia*
- *Occupation: Marine Electronics, Insurance Broker*
- *Boats: (3 Different Powerboats) "Amigo"*



STANLEY S. MARTIN 1974

This year appears to be one of great challenge; how to meet the problems of the energy crunch, spiraling inflation, and the day-to-day questions. So, it is equally one of opportunity and I am happy that your committees are responding in the ways that will keep your club progressive and vibrant, with our loyal Staff aiding immeasurably.

I am constantly pleasantly surprised to receive from members of an organization, fundamentally here just for fun, so many constructive ideas for maintaining and building our image as a yacht club and civic asset. Build, we must, for otherwise lies stagnation and slow death.

Consequently, I feel very privileged to serve as your fifty-sixth Commodore, so Kate and I thank you for the honor.



- *Born: 1908, Spokane, WA*
- *Occupation: Insurance Agency*
- *Boat: (Thunderbird Class Sailboat) "KT"*



HOWARD E. LOVEJOY 1975

Greetings to all of our members near and far and may I suggest that if you have not visited your club recently or visited the outstations within the last year, you have a delightful experience to look forward to. Each year our facilities have been maintained, improved and expanded to keep pace with our growing membership, and this will continue. We are proud of our clubhouse that was first constructed fifty-five years ago with its original charm that has been preserved through many years of development and expansion.

We are also proud of our outstations at Port Madison, Henry Island and Ovens Island and regard these as priceless assets to be maintained and improved each year for the benefit of all of our members. And we continue to be interested in future acquisition and development of additional strategically located saltwater sites.

Our growing membership demonstrates increasing interest in the many activities of your club and the response and participation, as this year begins, is good evidence that our members are fully involved in the many events for all ages, ashore and, afloat. A full schedule through the year, with training, cruising, racing, entertainment, dining, dancing and many other events, is planned to provide a wide spectrum of activities and enjoyment through the year. The enthusiastic participation of a great many of our members, in so many of these events, makes our club what it is - second to none.

Our management and staff deserve much of the credit for making our club first rate in every respect. It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your 57th Commodore, a memory Bonnie and I shall always cherish.



- *Born: 1916*
- *Education: University of Michigan and University of Washington*
- *Occupation: Marine Architect and Naval Engineer*
- *CEO, Puget Sound Freight Lines*
- *Boat: 41' Motor Yacht "Tolo"*



FRANK G. BOURQUE 1976

First off, let me express what an honor and a privilege it is to serve as your Commodore. While it does take time to do the job properly it would be near impossible without the splendid help and cooperation of the officers and trustees of your Board. A special thanks to the hard working committee people who make the Club the fine operation it is.

This year we have added to our outstation list with the acquisition of property in Gig Harbor and the purchase of additional contiguous land on Henry Island. These stations must be considered as one of our most valued assets. You are encouraged to make use of them often. While we are not aggressively seeking more sites, the Board does consider any proposal as our bank account and cash flow permit.

Our membership continued to grow in an orderly manner and the quality of our new members bespeaks the fine work done by the Membership Committee. We continue to do well in racing activities both power and sail. A good deal of the prestige we enjoy is a result of the fine efforts made by our racing members.

This message would not be complete without a salute to our Club Manager and his excellent staff. They continue to do, without exception, a fine job and make our operation "The Best Gol Darn Yacht Club in the Whole Wide World."



- *Born: 1918, Vancouver. B.C.*
- *Education: University of British Columbia*
- *Occupation: Banker, Bank of Nova Scotia, People's National Bank.*
- *Boat: 30' Sloop "Mam'selle"*



HOWARD C. BRONSON 1977

Where do we go from here? That is probably the first thought that enters the mind of an in-coming Commodore - and I am no exception. To know where we are going let's first look back to last year. We remodeled the Marine Room, gained permission for new moorage facilities at Henry Island, and acquired property at Gig Harbor. A tough act to follow.

In reviewing our program for this year, it becomes immediately evident, that if we are to operate within our budget, there is no money for new acquisitions or major remodeling. However, we do have plenty to do. We will be installing new and expanded moorage at Henry Island along with an improved water supply and beefed up electrical system. At Port Madison we will replace the old docks and re-do the electrical system. We are also improving the water supply and the heads.

In the Seattle clubhouse, the galley is due for a major refurbishing. So, you see, there is a lot to be done and normally one would worry about how to do it. Fortunately SYC has a fine staff operating under the guidance of our manager, Fred Taylor.

We are also fortunate in having a superb group of committee chairmen, who with their committees, seem to be able to cope with anything that comes up.

With all that, I am confident and looking forward to a wonderful year. Thanks once again, to all of you, for making me your Commodore.



- *Born: 1916, Sacramento, CA*
- *Education: University of California, Davis*
- *Occupation: Pacific Northwest Bell then Self Employed*
- *Boats: Ponga Motor Yacht "Grasshopper"*



WILLIAM (BILL) E. BRADSHAW 1978

It is an honor and a privilege to be Commodore of Seattle Yacht Club with all its fine members. The position does require time and energy but this is one of the pleasant parts of being Commodore as I work with great people - namely our Flag Officers, Trustees, Committee Chairmen and outstanding Staff.

Our new manager, Frank O'Gara, and his staff are working above and beyond to make S. Y.C. a desirable club to attend. Plans for the future will make it even more desirable.

The newest addition to S.Y.C. moorage facilities is at Winslow where we have rented space at a commercial marina. If this works out we should be able lease additional space at a later date.

S. Y.C., by tradition, has sponsored the long distance sailboat races on Puget Sound. Participation in these races has grown through the years to the present 300-400 boats at the starting line. This means that S. Y.C. finds itself sponsoring one of the largest sailboat racing programs on the West coast. In order to keep this program first class, the Board has authorized the purchase of a Race Committee Boat, and we are also looking at the possibilities of having a full time Race Committee person to handle all the paper work such as registrations, race committee work and results.

We are one of the outstanding yacht clubs on the coast and we want to keep improving in all aspects. I hope we all carry on the best of yachting traditions, both ashore and on the water. Let's be proud of our Club and proudly fly our S.Y.C. pennant at all times.



- *Born: 1922, Seattle, WA*
- *Education: University of Washington*
- *Occupation: Self-employed Manufacturer's Agent*
- *Boats: Elohe (Sr. Knockabout 39), Pompero (PC), Trio (35' Yawl) Trio (48' Sloop)*



ARDEN C. STEINHART 1979

As Commodore, I am anticipating another successful year for our great club. It can only be thus with our fine officers, trustees and committees, our dedicated staff and the continuous enthusiastic support of our members.



- ***Born: 1906, Bucoda, WA***
- ***Education: University of Washington***
- ***Occupation: Architect***
- ***Boat: 35' Motor Yacht "Seawagon"***



PHILLIP G. JOHNSON 1980

The opportunity to help focus the leadership of the Seattle Yacht Club and participate in the infectious enthusiasm of its membership for our programs is a very heady experience.

Our club's initiatives include reconfirmation of our interest and leadership in national and international yachting policy and events; a rededication and revitalization of our Junior program; awareness of and a willingness to meet the financial imperatives of these times of rapid change in which we live; the ability to accept new challenges in our relationship to our community, first in relation to Seattle and the Puget Sound area and secondly in the more narrowly defined world of our fellow yacht clubs; and above all, a continuing dialogue between our club as an institution and "the club" being its body of singular members as to what one needs to do for the other and the obverse.

But while all this heady stuff is going on, we mustn't lose our sense of humor and most of all, our sense of fellowship in what really is the BGDYCWW.



- *Born: 1930, Seattle, WA*
- *Education: Seattle University*
- *Occupation: Industrial Engineer (Crown Zellerbach), Contractor*
- *Boats: Inisfail (48' Ketch), 40' Swallow II (Cal)*



JOHN (JACK) SYLVESTER 1981

You have honored me by electing me your Commodore and I wish to thank you all for putting your confidence in me.

I have never worked with a finer group of men and women than the members and the staff of the Seattle Yacht Club. Our Club has attained national and international recognition in the yachting world and we must continue to participate in various yachting activities in which other clubs participate.

There is an old saying that you only get out of a club what you put in with your own efforts. This statement can be reaffirmed by our members participating with other club members in activities at the Club and at our outstations. The energy crisis and inflation will not defeat our interest in boating if we recognize that our activities must be patterned with these factors in mind.

I hope we have a great boating year and I wish to express my heart felt thanks to my staff officers, the Board members, committee chairpersons and to all of the members and staff who have helped to make this a great year for such a wonderful Club.

- *1981 Born: 1909, Pasco, WA*
- *Education: University of Washington Law School*
- *Occupation: Lawyer*
- *Boats: Jane's Fighting Ship (50' Chris-Craft)*



ROBERT (BOB) A. BERST 1982

Fellow members, thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Commodore. It is a special honor to work for you with all our SYC "Crew" -Officers, Trustees, Commit- tee Chairpersons and Staff.

OUTSTATIONS are a present enjoyment. We are blessed to have had leadership that anticipated the value of these treasured assets. I believe they will become of ever-increasing importance in the future. Much of our effort and activity this year will be devoted to meeting the challenge of providing for their future development.

MEMBERS. You are capable and interesting. Continue to give us your ideas and effort to meet our objective- Yachting and social enjoyment in the finest tradition. "Talent" is your most obvious quality. Your active participation, putting this talent to use, is the key to the excellence of Seattle Yacht Club.

OFFICERS, TRUSTEES and CHAIRPERSONS. My very heartfelt and sincere thank you for your dedication. "Enthusiasm" is an understatement of your attitude. Each of you keep up the superb job.

STAFF. To you, and you are all my favorites, my very personal thanks. All our members notice your extra efforts. Evalie and I will long remember your attentions and courtesy and your smiles.

Let us all toast to yet another warm and friendly year of yachting and social activities with our Seattle Yacht Club.



- *Born: 1930, Seattle, WA*
- *Education: University of Washington Law School*
- *Occupation: Lawyer*
- *Boats: Just Blue, El Cid, & (32' Islander sloop) "Visa"*



ROBERT (BOB) W. SCARFF 1983

Serving as your Commodore is a once in a lifetime experience. Probably the most rewarding part of the job is the opportunity to get better acquainted with fellow officers, board members, and committee people. You quickly come to realize the vast talent and dedication which exists amongst the members of our club.

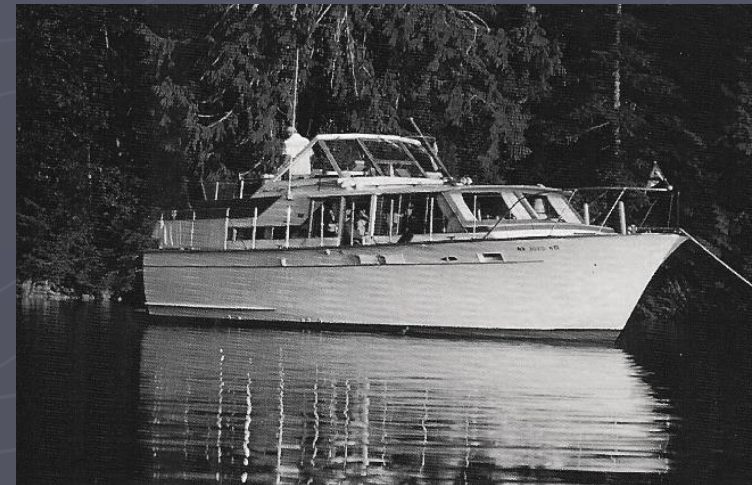
Your SYC seems to be off to a fast start this year. In addition to the myriad of social activities, as starters, consider the acquisition of a new outstation at Pender Harbor, B.C., the possible development of our Port Ludlow property, and implementation of the Phase II redecoration of our main clubhouse.

Then it appears that this will be an excellent year for our racers, in both power and sail. Another first will be our co-sponsorship of the Whidbey Island Race Week, in July, backed by Yachting Magazine. It is the first time they have held such an event on the West Coast. Of course, the high point of our whole year is just ahead.

I'm confident that "OPENING DAY", May 7th, 1983, will go down in history as another great club event, under the capable leadership of Admiral Warren Ceely, Vice Admiral Charlie Cravens, and Admiralette Betty Chang.

Florence and I would like to sincerely thank all of the officers, board members, committee people, and staff who have cooperated together so splendidly to make this year, indeed, one for us to remember.

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- *Born: 1917, Seattle, WA*
 - *Education: University of Washington*
 - *Occupation: Ford Dealer (Scarff Motors, Inc.)*
 - *Boats: 38' Sunliner Chris Craft(4-Different Ones)*



DONALD H. SIMPSON 1984

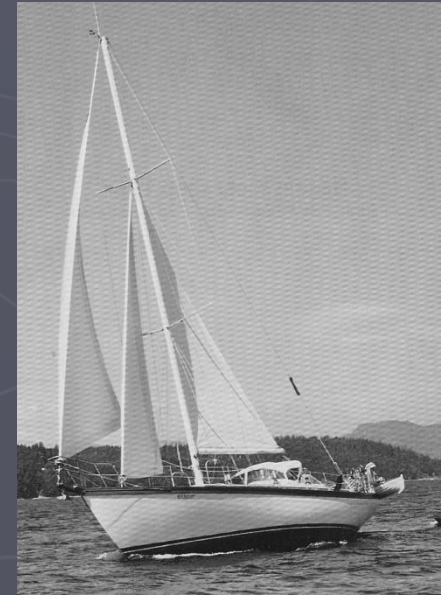
As we embark on our 92nd year, we have many exciting goals and events ahead. Development of Gig Harbor and Port Ludlow outstations are among the top priority items. We also are looking forward to our Suma Regatta in Kobe, Japan, in May. Our second annual Whidbey Island Race Week with "Yachting" magazine promises to be even more successful than the first. We continue to negotiate with the city of Seattle to find a mutually acceptable resolution of the reversionary status of our mud lands at the main station.

You have provided me with a slate of officers and a board that have a common goal, that is to make membership at Seattle Yacht Club something to be proud of and, at the same time, to make the club one that is fun to be part of. The level and quality of participation of our members at the committee level are indicative of the same spirit.

My wife, Mary, and I thank you for your support and the warmth of your friendship. To be the 66th commodore of the finest yacht club in the world is truly an honor I will always cherish.



- *Born: 1935, Seattle, WA*
- *Education: University of Washington*
- *Occupation: Self-employed, Ballard Sheet Metal Works, Inc.*
- *Boats: Bar le Duc, 47' "Bandit"*



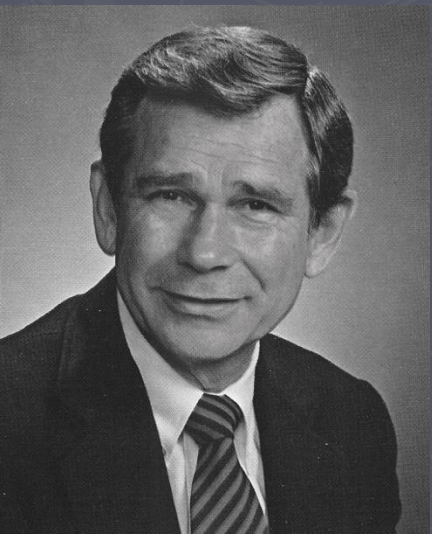
RALPH H. BUSEMAN 1985

I would like to thank you, the membership, for the opportunity to serve as your Commodore. This is a great experience made more so due to the encouraging support of so many members and our great staff. We have seen our Club become a recognized yachting institution with national and international participation in sail and power racing programs.

The past year saw two of our members, originally from the ranks of our Junior program, win Olympic Gold medals. Our outstation facilities are the envy of both east and west coast yachting groups.

The Seattle Yacht Club's social calendar is routinely full with a wide range of in-club and community support activities. Opening Day for boating, Seattle Yacht Club sponsored, is one of the largest free events available to the public in the Puget Sound area.

We are a large, friendly, boating-oriented organization.' With our outstanding membership we will maintain our Star and Bar pennant as the symbol of excellence that is the Seattle Yacht Club.



- *Born: 1929, Seattle, WA*
- *Education: University of Washington*
- *Occupation: Dentist*
- *Boats: 41' Hatterras "Gaika"*



JERAY A. HOLMES 1986

I would like to thank all of the members for the support I have received this past three years. Working with outstanding people like Vice Commodore Bill Stewart and Rear Commodore Larry Saulkield has been most rewarding. Our Secretary Dave Williams and Treasurer John Fedor have provided us with the highest caliber of professional services. Judge Advocate Evan Swabb has worked exceptionally hard to keep us on a safe legal course. Our Board of Trustees are so professional and progressive it has made the 1986 yacht club problems very easy to solve.

A yacht club could not survive without long term club professionals, from our Manager to our newest employee we continue to have the strongest organization on the entire West Coast, if not the United States. I have traveled to other clubs, talked to many other organizations and ours is the best, strongest and has the long range planning totally in focus.

As your Commodore I thank you for trusting Carolyn and I with your helm of 1985-86.



- *Born: 1934, Seattle, WA*
- *Education: Central Washington State University*
- *Occupation: Self-employed, Holmes' Electric*
- *Boats: Kaleo (53' Cruiser), (45' Heritage Cutter). "Limbo"*



BILL T. STEWART 1987

Dear Friends,

1987 will be a banner year for the Seattle Yacht Club.

Plans for our big Centennial Year of 1992 are well underway. A magnificent book on our first 100 years of history will be published and available January 1992.

Expansion of our docks at Henry and Ovens Island will certainly improve our moorage requirements. Our Gig Harbor and Port Ludlow properties are starting to take on a positive roll.

The revision for our Portage Bay Dock 2 with 32 new moorage slips is proceeding fast with a completion date in the fall of 1987.

Opening Day 1987 will be gigantic - already a 3 day event that has all the ingredients for a wonderful start of the cruising season.

However, my most sincere appreciation goes to the Flag and Staff Officers, the Trustees and Chairpersons of the 53 Committees who contribute hours and days for the well being of The Best Gol 'Darn Yacht Club in the Whole Wide World.

Betty and I heartily wish you a wonderful year of cruising and happiness.



- *Born: 1921, Fort Worth, TX*
- *Education: University of Texas*
- *Occupation: Publisher's Representative, Director for Post-Intelligencer*
- *Boats: (42' Chris-Craft) "Billet"*

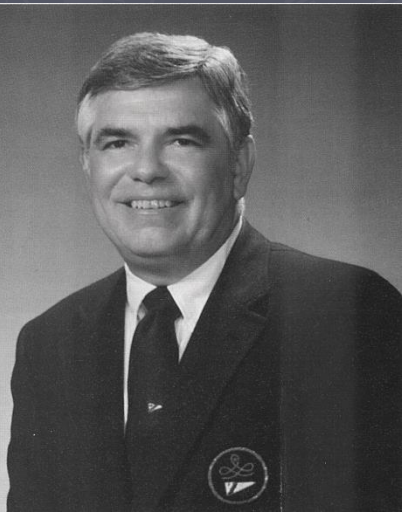


LARRY SALKIELD 1988

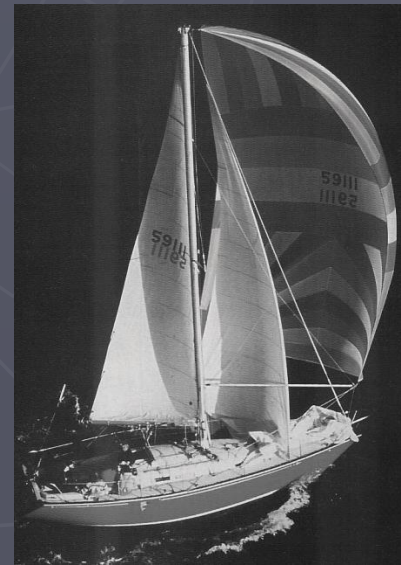
Your Seattle Yacht Club is the BGDYCITWWW because of its dedicated membership, i.e. you. You have entrusted Audrey and myself at the helm for this year and we have enjoyed it very much.

The dedicated volunteers, committee chairpersons, officers and trustees make the job so much easier and better. Our professional staff are also the best that exist at any yacht club and really make it a pleasure to enjoy the club. Our outstation program is the best in the world and we hope all of you will get to each one this cruising season. Our 1988 Opening Day on April 30 starts the vigorous activities and your Admiral Jack Blondin and his committee will continue the tradition. The Suma Yacht Club challenge will then be accepted in Kobe, Japan, and the racing and cruising season will be in full swing.

The sailboat racing program has been rejuvenated and expanded to recognize the continual increase in cruising sailboats and activities. Our new 420 sailboats offer an opportunity for more of the racers to enjoy sailing around the Club. We feel very positive about the future with Vice Commodore Bill Freitag and Rear Commodore Bob Sylvester at the helm for the next two years. Thank you all for the opportunity Audrey and I have enjoyed as your Commodore for 1988. Enjoy your wonderful club to the fullest.



- *Born: 1939, Wendell, ID*
- *Education: U of W, Willamette and N. Y. University Law Schools*
- *Occupation: Lawyer*
- *Boats: Molly Anne, Pepe, 34' C & C Sloop "Sockeye"*



WILLIAM (BILL) FREITAG 1989

I would like to thank you, the membership, for the opportunity to serve as your Commodore for 1988-89. It truly is a once in a lifetime experience made more so by the dedication and support of the officers, trustees, committee chairs, committee members and our exceptional professional staff.

Seattle Yacht Club is recognized nationally as well as internationally, as one of the best yachting institutions in the world. We must constantly strive to protect that image and diligently plan a philosophy that maintains that concept for many years to come. We must also strive to maintain our friendly boating atmosphere that has come to mean so much to all of us. After all, SYC is not only a magnificent boating club, it is most importantly a fun club.

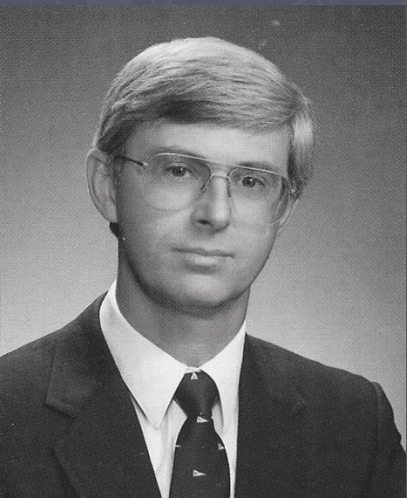
Hopefully we will never lose sight of that concept. Work is continuing towards the celebration of SYC's Centennial Year in 1992. The history book is well under way, as well as many exciting plans for that year's activities. Washington State's Centennial will be celebrated this year and the Opening Day Committee promises some exciting inclusions of that centennial theme on Opening Day '89.

Cruising season "officially" starts after Opening Day and because of our envied outstation program, we can all look forward to enjoying our outstations to the fullest.

Our sailing and power boat programs continue to be outstanding and provide many racing and social activities for all members.

The social calendar at SYC is continually full and provides us with the many opportunities to meet new friends and rekindle old friendships.

Jan and I would like to especially thank all the professional staff for making us feel warm and welcome at all times at SYC - we love you all. We would also like to thank the many members who have made the past years so absolutely wonderful, enjoyable and memorable. Happy cruising in '89 and for many, many years to come.



- **Born: 1940, Milwaukee, WI**
 - **Education: Michigan State University**
 - **Occupation: Veterinarian**
 - **Boats: (36' Uniflite Double Cabin)**
- "Cat's Meow"**



ROBERT SYLVESTER 1990

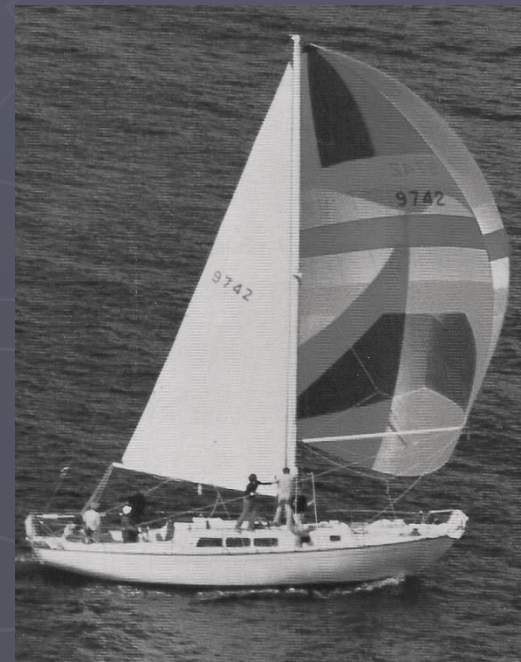
My message for club members and staff is that we are now and will continue to be a boating oriented yacht club. Our most important committees are the Powerboat and Sailboat committees, the activities of which make us a true yacht club. Also rowing for both men and women is fast increasing in importance as a boating activity. It is primarily for the support of these activities that all committees of the club exist, and trouble lies ahead if we lose sight of these fundamental reasons for being together.

Your Board of Trustees and surely all the members desire to have a first class racing and cruising program as well as moorage facilities, outstation programs, staff, and Portage Bay clubhouse with its restaurant, bar and furnishings: I have emphasized this primary objective to our staff and instructed them to help the sail and power committees to publicize their activities. I have also requested that, where feasible, the club decor have a nautical motif (dinnerware, rugs, carpets, uniforms, decorations etc.).

Our club is for all members and I recognize that we have differing priorities and viewpoints, but as the year progresses, I will welcome all comments you may have on these matters.



- *Born: 1914, Seattle, WA*
- *Education: University of Washington, Harvard Graduate School*
- *Occupation: University Professor, Consulting Engineer*
- *Boats: Yawl North Star, Sloop Khorasan, 42' Spencer Sloop "Moshulu"*



DAVID ROMANO 1991

I would like to thank you for the honor and for the opportunity to serve as your Commodore for the coming year. You have elected an excellent Board of Trustees and Officers and I am looking forward to working with such talented and able persons. Our many committee chairpersons and committee members are so capable, and so dedicated towards serving our club, it is easy to understand why we are truly one of the great yacht clubs in the world.

We are a committee oriented club, and one of the side benefits of serving on committees for our club is the opportunity to get to meet and to know a lot of great people. Then, as we visit our various outstations, our pleasure is increased by enjoying the camaraderie of other boaters at these outstations whom we know because of having met and served with them on our committees.

We have several hundred sailboat members and several hundred powerboat members, and our Fleet Captain Sail and Fleet Captain Power are dedicated towards serving you with interesting activities, functions, cruises and races to add to your boating pleasure.

We have an outstanding Opening Day trio and committee who will help you get your season started in grand fashion.

I am sure that as you visit our various outstations this summer you will agree that we the best selection of outstations of any yacht club in the world. Our outstation Acquisition Committee may be able to even improve on our selection of outstations if the right opportunity comes along. They are aware that as the years go by, good outstations to come by and more costly to acquire.

Our House Committee has done an excellent job of redecorating and refurbishing our Club house and when they are all done we will see a Club house we can all be extremely proud of. Our goal is to have an outstanding year. And to that end we wish to thank our wonderful professional staff who serve and support us in all of our functions and activities, and thereby contribute to our success.

Beverley and I offer everyone our best wishes for a wonderful year of cruising and camaraderie.



- *Born: 1927, Seattle, WA*
- *Education: University of Washington*
- *Occupation: President Owner, North American Enterprises*
- *Chairman, Romano Surgical Instrumentation, Inc,*
- *Boats: 48' Tollycraft "Beachcomber"*



P. GERRY MAURER 1992

Around 100 years ago, a group of yachtsmen joined together to pursue their favorite sport and share its camaraderie. Since that time, much has changed but certainly not the joy that we find in boating and the appreciation of the beautiful and unique Northwest marine environment.

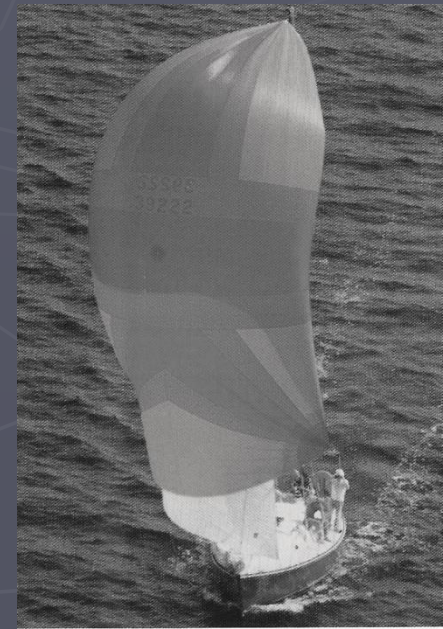
We are the beneficiaries of a long tradition of service by those members that have gone before us. It is this "tradition of excellence" that has helped us do more than simply pay lip service to our slogan TBGDYCITWW. Just as we enjoy the fruits of the labors of those earlier generations, we must do our share so that future yachtsmen can also benefit. It is the strength, dedication and service of our members that is the life blood of Seattle Yacht club.

Certain things remain timeless. We have always had a need for continuing revitalization of the membership; we are pursuing that today by refocusing on programs for recruitment and involvement of our Juniors. Our never ending quest for places to call our own led our forebears to establish sites first on Elliott Bay and then on Portage Bay; today it is our acquisition of outstations and the return to the salt water at Elliott Bay. An appreciation of the beauty of our waters undoubtedly motivated earlier generations of sailors; today we reflect on the need to preserve our marine environment against the increasing pressures of denser population and potentially damaging uses. Finally, the need for prudent fiscal management of our affairs has always been a constant, and has allowed us to weather many severe economic storms; we will keep this in mind in making future decisions and commitments.

You have singularly honored me and Barbara in allowing us to lead you in this Centennial Year. We invite you to join us in celebrating the joy of 100 years of boating and we urge you to participate with us by being involved, thereby building an even stronger legacy for the generations to come. Let's enjoy this treasure called Seattle Yacht Club that is briefly in our hands for stewardship, and leave it even stronger for the centuries to come.



- *Born: 1942, Long Beach, CA*
- *Education: Stanford, Columbia (MBA)*
- *Occupation: Insurance and Estate Planning*
- *Boat: 35' C & C MK II Sloop "Surprise"*



JOHN E. RASMUSSEN 1993

It is a genuine honor to have been elected the first Commodore of Seattle Yacht Club's second century. I will do my best to insure that its rich traditions and fine reputation continue to grow and prosper.

My goals for the next year are rather simple and straight forward. First, it is important to maintain and institutionalize our recent advances. The second is to build upon last year's efforts and develop such procedures and/or processes as may be required to refining and strengthen our traditional committee form of governance. If this tradition is to continue, it must truly facilitate rather than constrain our General Manager and staff in carrying out their duties. Finally, it is important to insure our members continue to experience the unique rewards and boating experiences they have come to expect from participating in SYC activities.

The Club has become a very complex organization over the past one hundred years, with 2800 members, capital assets approximating 10 million dollars, and an annual operating budget of nearly four hundred million dollars. A great deal of progress was made last year in refining and upgrading the planning and financial management processes so as to keep pace with our present operation. I believe it is safe to say SYC has never been in a stronger position.

Let's set the pace for the second century by making this SYC's best year ever. Over seven outstations provide cruising opportunities which, possibly, are unequaled by any other yacht club in this country or abroad. Our revitalized junior sailing program is becoming unique in the Pacific Northwest. Both the power and sailboat racing programs promise more excitement than ever before. Hopefully, you will join with me in the responsibilities which make these programs possible. Above all, let's have fun!



- ▶ ***Born: 1925, Denver, CO***
- ▶ ***Education: BA, MS Northwestern & PHD America U. Psychology***
- ▶ ***Occupation: Retired U.S. Navy Research Scientist Administrator***
- ▶ ***Boat: 40' Tollycraft "Trivsel"***



WILLIAM A. BAIN 1994

As your Commodore I'm often asked what my vision of the club is and what goals I would like to see accomplished in the year ahead. This is a difficult question to answer for we are a tremendously diverse club; thus it is difficult to try to fulfill everyone's hopes and wishes. It is gratifying that the club runs as well as it does and although we receive a number of ideas and suggestions we have relatively few complaints.

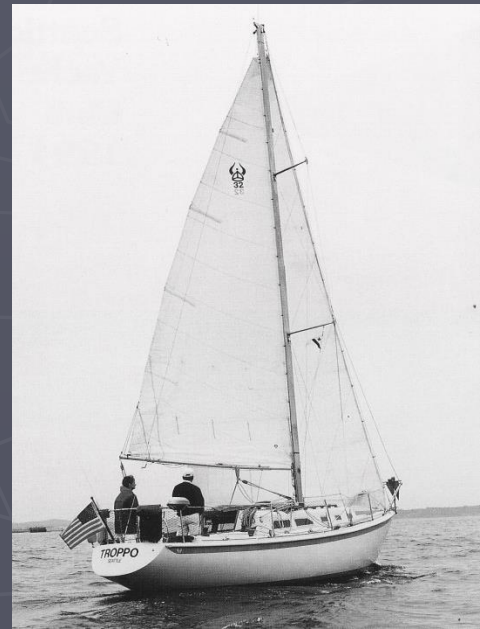
My goal list reads as follows:

- (1) Have the club run smoothly providing the members a wide array of activities and programs.
- (2) Keep our main emphasis on boating and boating related activities.
- (3) Develop greater use of the club by our members particularly committee chair- man, the Board and flag officers. We can't effectively run an organization if we don't know what's going on.
- (4) Maintain our main station, outstations and club facilities in top operating condition. Being particularly concerned with safety and properly operating equipment.
- (5) Increase the use of our Ward Room for lunch and dinner.
- (6) Keep our Junior members active and involved in the club for they are our leaders of tomorrow.
- (7) Plan for the future of the club through our Long Range Planning Committee.
- (8) Give the General Manager and his staff the help and resources to continue his effective direction of the club.
- (9) See that the club is operating in a fiscally responsible manner, assuring that our resources and assets are effectively applied and maintained.

That's probably enough for one year. I really should leave something for the next Commodore. It is a privilege to serve as your Commodore this year and I will certainly do my best to uphold the prestige and quality of the club. I welcome your suggestions and ideas on ways to improve the club. Have a great boating season!



- ▶ ***Born: 1923***
- ▶ ***Education: U of W 1950***
- ▶ ***Occupation: Realtor***
- ▶ ***Boat: 32' Erickson "Troppo"***



ROBERT W. SIMPSON 1995

Members of the Seattle Yacht Club: The affairs of the Seattle Yacht Club, I'm happy to report, are on a solid financial basis at the start of the new Commodore's year. This is due to careful husbanding of the club's resources by previous administrations, both in a physical sense and in a financial sense. Our standing in the community continues to be satisfactory and our activities in social events and boating involvement continue to be very gratifying.

During the coming year there are several items which will require close attention on our part:

- (1) A decision should be made in the next few months on our property at Port Ludlow. It seems likely that we shall have difficulty in developing this as an outstation, and the property may have to be used in trade for some other site or be sold. We have spent much time and invested a lot of hard work and money in an attempt to develop this and we shall evaluate our situation very carefully in the next year.
- (2) The plans for widening of Highway 520 seem to be gathering momentum. Our Club will monitor this planning, and we shall take part in the community project to try to have some influence on the development so that our club is not adversely affected.
- (3) There is a possibility that the Fisheries Department next to our parking lot will be moved to the University campus, and there may be attempts by the government to dispose of this property. We are interested certainly because a portion of our lower parking lot is the property of the federal government. An ad hoc committee will be formed to look into this and to contact various parties, regarding both the land and the underwater properties of dock one (which are the property of the state.)
- (4) We shall intensify continuing recruitment of active intermediate members to our committees in the coming year, as it is important that they experience how the yacht club works and then can contribute in the future to its growth.
- (5) We shall continue to find ways to economize in our yacht club without harming our mission or without impacting our properties. It is important that our members feel assured that every expense of this club is justified and that the club is running on as lean a budget as is humanly possible. At the same time, we must reassure our members that we shall not harm our club in making ill advised cuts in our expenditures. Our financial reserves must be increased because of the possibility that a purchase of property for parking becomes possible.

I look forward to a happy, busy and a successful year in the next several months. I hope all of you will make an attempt to visit our outstations, including Elliott Bay. We are truly fortunate to have these wonderful places to visit and I know of no other yacht club in the United States that has such a widespread chain of properties. We owe much to those who have gone before us in this Yacht Club.

Best wishes for the coming year.



- ▶ ***Born: 1915 Juneau AK***
- ▶ ***Education: Stanford BA, MD***
- ▶ ***Occupation: MD***
- ▶ ***Boat: 44' Tollycraft "Venus"***



MICHAEL B. DUFFY 1996

As we begin our 104th year, there is a contagious feeling of excitement and enthusiasm at SYC. We have just launched a new year and already two important issues are immediately before us.

We are just beginning to experience the success of our recent Membership Campaign drive. SYC's membership has risen to its caps in Active and Active Intermediate members and a waiting list for these membership categories has been created. New faces are appearing in the Ward Room and Marine Room daily. Soon we will be seeing new members at our outstations. Please join us and welcome all new members with the warmth and camaraderie that has made SYC the "home away from home" that we all cherish.

Our Committees have just begun the process of digesting and prioritizing the results of the recently completed McMahon Membership Survey. With the aid of this survey, our committees can understand the expectations of the membership and correct areas that reflect unsatisfactory results. Throughout the year, you will see the Board of Trustees act on committee recommendations that are a consequence of this survey.

I would like to share with you my direction and goals for the coming year.

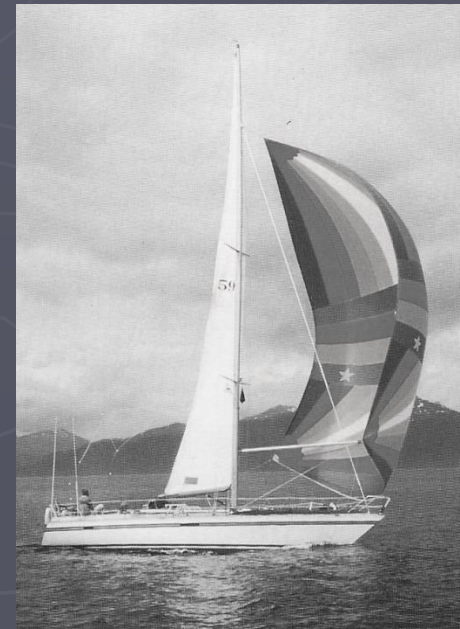
1. Remain cognizant of SYC traditions
2. Promote and support yachting and yachting activities.
3. Encourage and support Junior and Active Intermediate participation.
4. Focus on membership value, benefit and service.
5. Develop better understanding, communication and stronger working relationship between the committees and professional staff.
6. Maintain our strong fiscal position.
7. Keep SYC affordable for all of its members.

I ask your support in helping to achieve these goals. SYC is our club and it's up to all of us to build on the solid keel of those that have gone before us.

Smooth Sailing!



► ***Boat: 41' Bianca 414 "Morningstar"***



DAVID W. RICE 1997

I would like to thank you, the membership, for the opportunity you have given me to serve as your Commodore this year. Thanks, too, to the leaders before me for the legacy of excellence that proceeds me and to those who have accepted the positions of leadership in the coming year, including Flag Officers, Board members and Committee Chairs. It is a remarkable team.

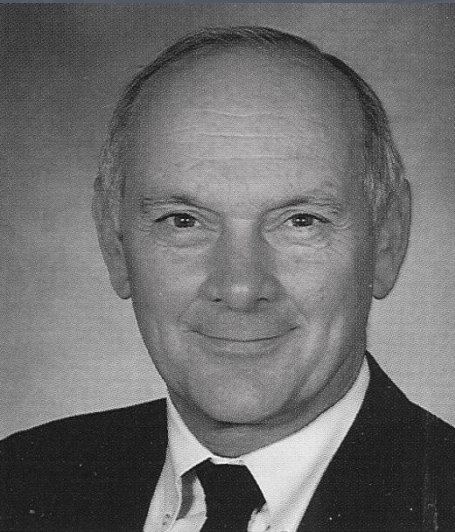
I am confident the 105 years of tradition will be upheld into the next century if the enthusiasm of the members continues as it is today.

We are a yachting organization with world-class yachtsmen and wonderful members who care tremendously about their club. The members' dedication and eagerness to serve and contribute is tremendous to say the least.

My goals for the year are as follows:

- . First and foremost, to continue to build on the growing excitement and enthusiasm evident in nearly every facet of the club. From power and sail yachting events to social events reaching capacity - it is all due to the members who have chosen the club as their home away from home and have recognized our yachting facilities as ones unequaled by any club in the world.
- . To find a solution to our serious, long-standing concern over our very short-term lease of a major portion of our lower parking lot. We will diligently work to vastly improve this situation this year to protect the long-term future of our parking facility.
- . To pursue the ultimate resolution of our vacant Port Ludlow property, where our plans to build an outstation were denied two years ago.
- . To continue to support our Junior and younger members who represent the future of our very active club. We must continue to support them through increased activities and improved facilities.
- . To welcome all of the new members who have joined us recently and to encourage their participation in our club.
- . To show our appreciation to our newly reorganized and member-oriented staff at our Portage Bay facility by encouraging use of our fine dining facilities.
- . To expand our relationships with other similar clubs around the world.

Carolyn and I have long enjoyed our membership in the BGDYCITWW and look forward to an exciting and memorable year-



- ***Born: 1940***
- ***Education: Accounting U of W***
- ***Occupation: C.P.A***
- ***Boat: 44' Ocean Alexander "Bon Voyage"***



LARRY C. HILLS 1998

1997-98 looks to be an exciting year for Seattle Yacht Club, and I am proud to be your Commodore. I recognize the position of trust and responsibility that you have bestowed upon me and I will do my utmost to serve you well.

Our Committee system has never been stronger or more revered. It is wonderful how so many of our very talented and dedicated members step forward to volunteer their time and resources to the club. This is truly what makes us so strong.

More and more of our members are discovering the many enjoyment opportunities the club has to provide. From the Women's Group to the Powerboat Committee, to the Entertainment Committee, to the Dining Facilities. Please join in as many activities as you can. In this way you will realize the greatest rewards of membership in Seattle Yacht Club.

This coming year, I would like to see a continued push towards an outstation presence in Port Ludlow. It is one of the last reasonable opportunities, and makes tremendous sense as a weekend destination for both sailboats and powerboats, and provides a much needed stop-over location for those headed north or returning. The Outstations in general are in great shape, but we should look very carefully at our maintenance and improvement plans to be sure they are implemented to insure these "crown jewels" serve the membership to the utmost.

Our Senior, Active-Intermediate, and Junior sailors plus our sailing school are all in need of a saltwater facility to expand their activities. We currently have storage available at Shilshole Bay Marina for a few of our sailors, but a facility with more features may make a tremendous amount of sense to ensure we are answering the needs of all our members. I would hope that during the course of this next year we can better understand the opportunities available.

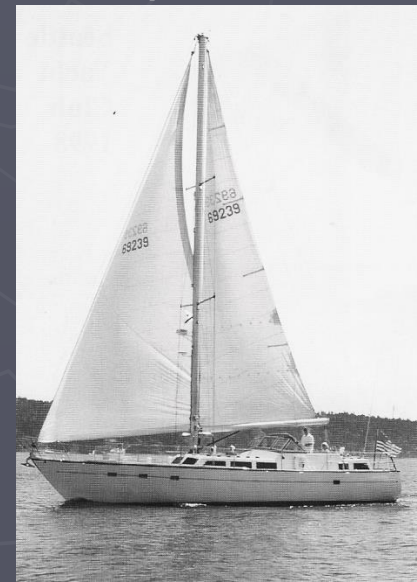
In looking around at the vibrancy of our club this last year, much credit can go to our new members who quickly became so active. No club can survive long without an influx of new quality members who have the spirit to get involved. This year, I would hope we would all keep our eyes open for more of these potential new members and the traditions of our club. Every day I see evidence of their genuine caring for the club, and the warm atmosphere those actions create.

As the 81st Commodore of Seattle Yacht Club, I accept the challenge to preserve and carry forward the club's legacy. With all of us working together SYC will remain strong, ready to welcome the twenty-first century and pass our proud history to future yachtspersons and members.

Carol and I look forward to a memorable year, and we thank you for your support and confidence.
Continued Smooth Sailing!



- ▶ ***Born: 1946, Lebanon, OR***
- ▶ ***Education: University of Oregon***
- ▶ ***Occupation: Forester***
- ▶ ***Boat: 48' Maple Leaf "Snowbird"***



MARTY CROWDER 1999

Seattle Yacht Club, beginning its 108th year, certainly is alive and well. As your 84th Commodore, I intend to keep it that way. It is important to remember that our great yacht club did not become what it is today by luck or happenstance. It's long history and wonderful traditions and facilities have been carefully built by the vision and hard work of generations of dedicated and enthusiastic members. Fortunately, but not surprisingly, that spirit of dedication and enthusiasm continues to abound in the club and we have in place a very strong and committed team of flag officers, trustees, and committees to carry on the legacy of excellence.

I would like to share with you my direction and goals for 1999:

- . Never lose sight of our history and traditions.
- . Continue to deliver affordable value to our members while maintaining a strong financial position.
- . Finish pending improvement projects at the outstations.
- . Bring focus to and substantially move along future improvement projects at the mainstation and the outstations.
- . Make something happen at Port Ludlow.
- . Be open to expansion of our northern horizon beyond Cortes Bay.
- . Continue strong support of our junior and active intermediate programs.
- . Make sure we all have some fun along the way.

With your help, we will attain these goals. Seattle Yacht Club is a truly great yacht club in the grandest sense and it belongs to all of us.



- ***Born: 1940***
- ***Education: Jurist Doctor U of W***
- ***Occupation: Attorney***
- ***Boat: 42' Grand Banks "Dana Rose"***



KENTON M. THURMAN 2000

I am truly honored to be the Seattle Yacht Club's Commodore as the century closes and we enter both the next century and millennium. As the Club's eighty-fifth Commodore I am very aware of the large, footsteps I am following as our Club enters its one hundred and eighth year.

Our venerable Club has never been in better shape as we enter the year 2000. The historic clubhouse is in good repair. We have nine wonderful outstations located in arguably the best cruising waters on earth. We own a large moorage facility located next to our clubhouse. The Club's financial strength is excellent and has never been better and our members are enjoying our facilities in record numbers.

This success did not happen by accident. We owe a huge debt to the Club members, over the past one hundred and eight years that have donated countless hours to help make this Club the success it is today. These members, officers, committee chairs and staff have set the tradition of excellence that we expect today. This tradition of excellence is what makes the Seattle Yacht Club a great organization.

I pledge to uphold this tradition of service and excellence. My primary goals are:

Work toward completion of the many outstation projects that have been pending the past few years.

Work with the appropriate staff and committees to make the Club's administration easier and more efficient.

Work with our Montlake neighbors to improve the nearby streets to the Club.

Move to exploit any opportunity to advance the Club's goals as listed in our official long range plan.

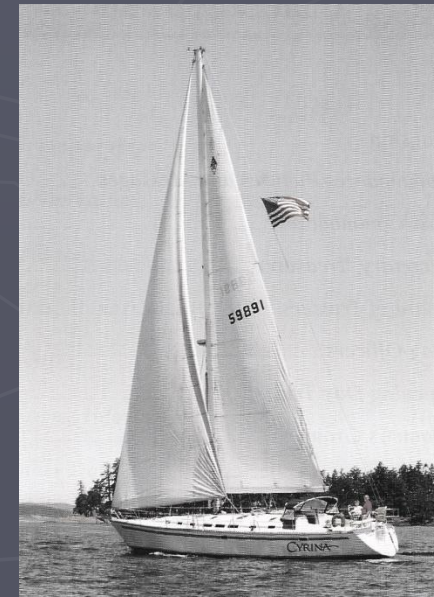
Work to put more safeguards in place to prevent our outstation property rights from being slowly eroded as nearby properties are being developed.

Continue the previous Commodores' tradition of making the Club a friendly and enjoyable meeting place for people that believe that there is "nothing half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats".

Again, my wife Pamela and I thank you for this chance to serve.



- ▶ ***Born: 1945, Portland, OR***
- ▶ ***Education: U of W***
- ▶ ***Occupation: Owner of 21 Chain Businesses***
- ▶ ***Boat: 50' Catalina "Cyrina"***



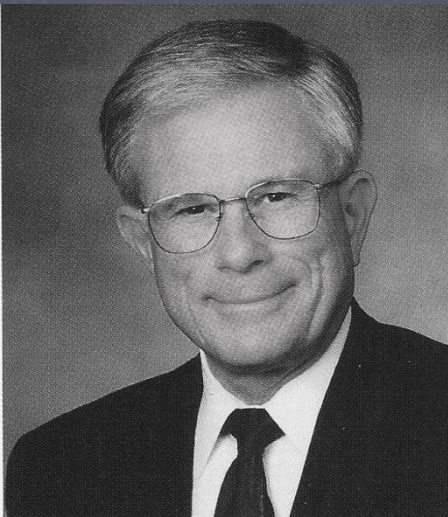
ROBERT B. OVENS 2001

As the Seattle Yacht Club enters its 109th year and a new millennium, your 86th Commodore is pleased to report that the affairs of the club are in good order. Generations of enthusiastic members have and continue to serve the club and they have truly built a world-class yacht club. I intend to maintain if not expand our world-class status. We'll need some growth in order to fend off competitive pressures, to add some outstations and sailing facilities, and to keep the club affordable, but we can manage a little growth, we always have. To be the best in yachting, we've got to be the best in both power boating and sailing - and we are!

I'd like to share with you some of my goals for 2001 :

- Support our highly dedicated and talented professional staff.
- Recruit more Active, Active-Intermediate, and Junior members. Work hard to welcome them aboard.
- Accelerate the process of Active-Intermediates into the mainstream of club activity.
- Seize opportunities to acquire new outstations and buffers that meet our careful financial tests.
- Continue to evaluate possible expansion of our operations at Shilshole. Capitalize on our recent Americas Cup entry.
- Develop plans for upgrading and reconfiguring the Portage Bay facility.
- Complete the construction of our expanded dock facilities at Gig Harbor and Friday Harbor.

Thanks to each of you for the opportunity to serve as your Commodore this year. My fellow Flag Officers and Trustees, together with countless working members, make the job enjoyable. The best part has been to get to know more of you and the officers of other yacht clubs.



- ***Born: 1931***
- ***Education: U of W, Finance***
- ***Occupation: Banker***
- ***Boat: 42' Monk Cruiser "Islander"***



DWIGHT G. SHAW 2002

Our committee system is the strength and foundation of the club. Its success is due to the many enthusiastic, dedicated, and talented members volunteering their time to put it all together. There will be some great opportunities this year regarding changes to our outstations, new club functions, and our America's Cup Luis Vuitton competition. Also, we will have another opportunity to lead the yachting community by teaching and practicing marine safety on the water.

It is a privilege to be your eighty-seventh Commodore at this very special time in the Seattle Yacht Club's history of 110 years. We have a great legacy, passed down to us through the vision of our leaders, and outlined in our by-laws. I am sure we can build upon our past success with this year's excellent team of officers, trustees, and committees.

In establishing my goals for the year I came to the conclusion that they fit into two categories. To keep it simple, and remain focused, my goals are: 1) member satisfaction, and 2) member participation. Without one, we cannot have the other.

So. Let's all get ready to go out on the water and have a lot of fun "just messing around in boats."



- ▶ ***Born: 1934***
- ▶ ***Education: UC Berkley, U of W Engineering***
- ▶ ***Occupation: Boeing Engineer***
- ▶ ***Boat: 40' Beneteau First 405 "Cassis"***



RICHARD H. JOHNSON 2003

We have a busy and exciting year ahead for Seattle Yacht Club, and I thank you for this opportunity to serve as your Commodore. It is you, the members, who make the Club the strong organization it is, and why we enjoy the reputation as one of the finest Yacht Clubs in the world. I am proud to be a part of it, and I will do my utmost to serve you well.

What we enjoy today is the result of the wisdom and foresight of the members and Club leaders over the past 111 years and it is our continuing responsibility to provide stewardship of that legacy, and to seek opportunities to add to the strengths of SYC for future generations.

We are watching history in the making for Seattle Yacht Club as the events of the America's Cup Racing unfold. SYC is proud to be the sponsor of the One World Challenge team and wish them every success in their quest for "The Auld Mug."

Member involvement and participation is key to our strength. Our Committee system continues strong through the efforts of our dedicated members who volunteer their time and talents to the Club, and I encourage everyone to discover the many opportunities to serve and enjoy the Club. With your participation, the Club will be stronger, you will have more fun, and we are all the winners.

My primary goals for the year are as follows:

- . Consolidate and evaluate the many significant events and accomplishments of the past year, and determine the direction and priorities to strategically move ahead i.e. January fire, Friday Harbor acquisition, Red Granite Point acquisition, Garden Bay renovation, Gig Harbor expansion, Pt. Madison development, etc.
- . Continue to promote a high standard of membership value and satisfaction.
- . Study and evaluate the usage, and continued viability of the Elliott Bay station. . Initiate a viability study for the future of the Portage Bay station and moorage.
- . Explore further opportunities at Shilshole Bay Marina for increased saltwater presence for the sailing school and other sailing activities.
- . Continued support of the excellent Junior and Active-Intermediate programs.
- . New member recruitment and encouraging their participation in Club activities. . Promotion for increased use of our Ward Room facility.

We truly have a wonderful Yacht Club. I look forward to working with the officers, trustees, staff, and all of the members to have a fun year.



- ***Born: 1933***
- ***Education: DDS, U of W***
- ***Occupation: Dentistry***
- ***Boat: 48' Tollycraft "Spirit"***



ROGER D. WERNER 2004

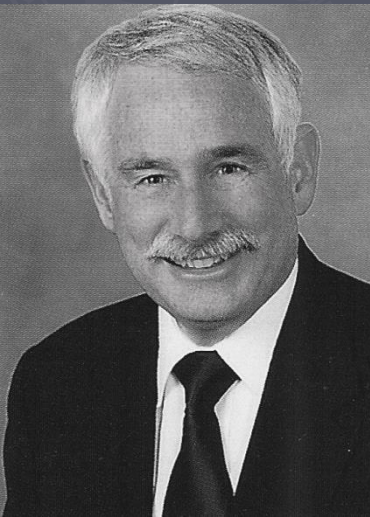
It is with both a sense of honor and responsibility that I serve as your Commodore. Seattle Yacht Club traces its beginnings back to its founding in 1892 and in the intervening 112 years has been capably led by a long line of exceptional club leaders. It is humbling to follow in their footsteps.

For 2003-2004, I propose three goals: Participation, Responsibility, and Fun. Participation is a hallmark of Seattle Yacht Club with hundreds of our members actively involved in 54 committees and directly running our club like none other. Along the way we must take responsibility for the care of our property and resources, as well as for the care of our fellow members. And, without run we lose the energy that drives us forward and keeps our club an exciting place for all of us. Each of these goals is important - without anyone of them our club would rapidly lose its special luster.

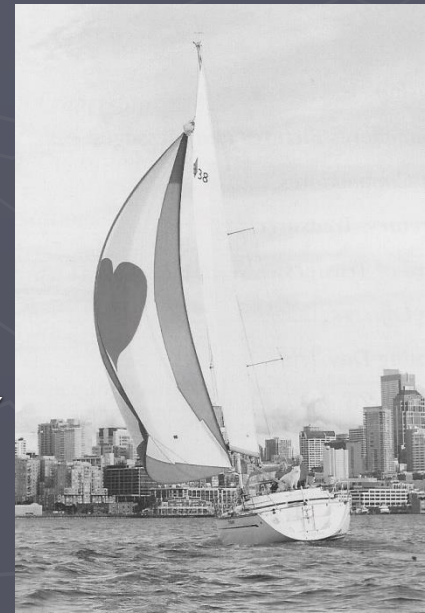
SYC is much more than it appears to be to any outsider. Yes, we have a grand clubhouse, well placed moorage, perhaps the world's finest outstations located in the best of cruising areas, and finances that are the envy of other non-profit organizations. But, the heart of SYC is our membership, brought together by a common interest in boating and more like a family than an association.

As we move through the beginning of the 21st century, our club is faced with a number of serious challenges. We have to consider the future of our mainstation, and the placement of our moorage. We are presently pursuing two saltwater satellite venues: one at Shilshole, and one at Elliott Bay. We must continuously do our best to respect and take care of our valued employees who are an integral part of the extended yacht club family. We must nurture and respect our traditions in an era when traditions are becoming less nurtured and less respected. But most importantly we must keep the SYC spirit and the respect for our fellow members alive and well. We must keep Seattle Yacht Club an organization that is fun, that we treasure, and that we want to continue to keep as the BGDYCITWWW!

I wish you a fair breeze and a following sea!



- ▶ ***Born: 1947 San Diego, CA***
- ▶ ***Education: BA, U of W, MBA California Berkeley***
- ▶ ***Occupation: C.P.A.***
- ▶ ***Boat: 38' Bavaria "Schatzi"***



THOMAS F. FOTI 2005

It is truly an honor and a privilege to serve as your Commodore this year.

SYC is built on a strong foundation of fiscal responsibility and member involvement. Our predecessors designed and developed a model that has stood the test of time and still serves us well today. I feel that it is my obligation to contribute by steadfastly preserving everything about our operation that works well and gently nudging and encouraging change where it improves and benefits our entire club.

I have been fortunate to work with an extremely intelligent and conscientious group over the past two years. Our Board of Trustees and Bridge Officers are among the best and brightest we've seen in a long time.

I am excited about our work this year and look forward to the interaction with all of you involved in our various committees. Your generous contribution, time, and expertise, is what makes our club so great.

SYC has many challenges ahead in the coming years. We have identified the following: preserve the Mainstation clubhouse including parking solutions; work on securing better ownership under Dock 1; preserve and upgrade docks at the Mainstation; maintain and continue to improve our outstations; attract and involve younger members in the club; maintain high member satisfaction in all aspects of club membership; and secure a long term solution to our current Ganges outstation

Here are some of the things that I will be working on with the other Flag Officers, Board Members, and Committee members this coming year:

- . An expanded Binnacle taking advantage of the wonderful material our diverse membership creates and submits.
- . An expanded and always current Web Page, featuring new information, activities and photos.
- . Changed and better offerings of menu items in the Ward Room and the Marine Room.
- . Assisting the Active Intermediates to recruit quality members to join the club and to support the needs of the Active Intermediates.
- . To improve the Junior Program, including the Junior Room and enable our Juniors to be more active in boating and club affairs.
- . Explore new outstation opportunities as desired by the membership.
- . Better club communications including an email newsletter linked to the website.
- . Continue efforts to document the past and expand clubhouse artwork and photographs of historical significance in the Mainstation.

Bonnie and I are looking forward to making sure that there are many opportunities for fun and camaraderie at the club and for fun and quality events and experiences on the water. Thank you for your support and confidence.



- ***Born: 1941 Seattle, WA***
- ***Occupation: Business owner multi-media***
- ***Boat: 48' Tollycraft "Special F/Z"***



CHRISTOPHER OTOROWSKI 2006

The Seattle Yacht Club is a unique institution that is one of the largest yacht clubs in the United States both in terms of members but also in terms of physical facilities and resources. SYC is, above all else, a club of people who love boating. Our members are drawn together from their interest in boating and are held together by the quality of their relationships that develop through club activities.

The committees, which number over 50, provide the primary vehicle by which SYC members govern themselves and provide for the best club facilities possible. This commitment by hundreds of members to provide great yacht club experiences is seen every day at the Mainstation on Portage Bay. The job of Commodore, which involves all aspects of club governance and club life, is complex yet at the same time, simple because of the dedication of so many members. Working with the members, committee chairs, Board of Trustees, flag officers and my fellow commodores is a rewarding experience. Everyone has their relative roles and responsibilities, different interests and skills that combine to improve the Club in a multitude of ways.

These past two years have been years of learning. The positions of Rear Commodore and Vice Commodore are critical training years leading to the position of Commodore. I have been fortunate to work first under Commodore Roger Werner and then Commodore Tom Foti. I am now lucky to be serving with Vice Commodore Ben Cozadd and Rear Commodore Jack Sullivan. These are people incredibly devoted to serving you, the members of the Seattle Yacht Club.

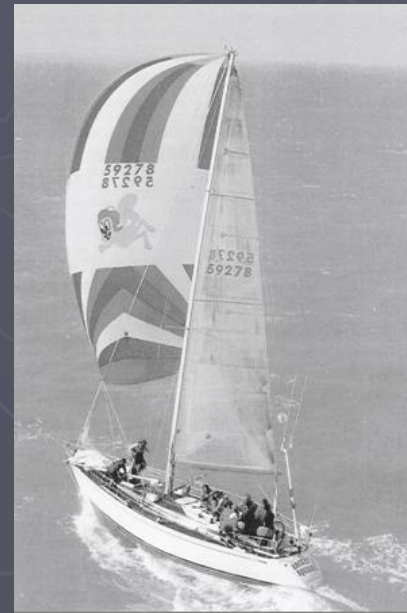
We have an engaged and active Board of Trustees, Flag Officers and Committee Chairs that are already working on important issues facing the club, and there are many. Dock renovation, increasing Active Intermediate membership, keeping our outstations in great shape, working on the Salt Spring Marina Ganges outstation, gaining full utilization of our Port Madison property, redecorating of the Mainstation, maintaining Junior Sailing and having more and improved Club communications are all significant issues being addressed. All this work has one objective; that is to make our cherished club more fun!

More and improved boating activities, both for sail and power, are the keystone and focus of our governing efforts. Our boating activities are numerous and provide great on the water experiences for our members. This year's Opening Day with the theme "Caribbean Carnival" will be especially exciting.

Shawn and I pledge to do our very best in steering our SYC vessel over the coming year. We are fortunate to have the able assistance of Vice Commodore Ben Cozadd and his wife Shirley LaFollette and Rear Commodore Jack Sullivan and his wife Marion as we move through the year. Thank you for your trust and confidence over this coming year.



- ▶ ***Born: Teaneck, New Jersey, 1953***
- ▶ ***Education: BS, BA, MBA & JD
University of Denver 1977***
- ▶ ***Occupation: Attorney***
- ▶ ***Boat: 39' Swan "Rocket J. Squirrel"***



BEN COZADD 2007

The Seattle Yacht Club is a very unique and active club by any measure. It's "all about boating" and we take Justifiable pride in our Club's member involvement accomplishments and contributions, and our facilities and traditions.

Our approximately 2,500 members contribute countless hours and the wisdom of diverse experiences to the activities, governance and fabric of club life through almost 60 committees. Experts observe that this committee driven organization won't work. Yet we continue to prosper and build on SYC's accomplishments and traditions through the vision and passion of our membership.

We are proud to count as members sailing notables in Olympic, America's Cup, International Blue Water and local sailing competitions in big boat, laser and opti classes, and everything in-between. Our power boaters are well recognized and respected in Predicted Log (Navigation) contests at regional and national levels. And our cruising members carry the SYC burgee to the far corners of the world, representing our Club and the finest traditions of yachting.

Our club is a founding member of the International Council of Yacht Clubs, an organization of premier yacht clubs from around the world, fostering communications and understanding, and sharing techniques on matters ranging from membership retention and growth, especially with young adults, finances, regatta event management and club operations. We are pleased to be highly regarded in this elite company.

Our fabulous facilities, anchored by our 86-year-old clubhouse that has been designated as a historic place on the National Register and a landmark with the Washington Landmarks Preservation Board, and our 9 outstation properties positioned throughout our extensive Pacific Northwest cruising waters, provide unparalleled value to our membership. Here we gather with old friends and meet new ones, plan for and discover new cruising venues, anchorages, fishing "holes" and crabbing locales, and simply have fun. Whether through the organized Rendezvous events for Power or Sail boaters, Potlatch and 4th of July weekends for the families, or at the informal "Green Box" socials and "non-event" gatherings, these facilities foster the camaraderie that unite us under the SYC burgee.

All of this becomes routinely accepted, but we realize that this extraordinary club with its rich traditions, notable accomplishments and fabulous facilities has been created and nurtured by its many dedicated members over 114 years. Now we, stewards of "TBGDYICITWWW" are doing our part to preserve, protect and enhance this Club for ourselves and future generations of members, united to the purpose "... of encouraging yachting and boating of all kinds, and the development of the recreational marine advantages of the Pacific Northwest."

To serve as your Commodore is a signal honor. Shirley and I are very pleased and fortunate to work with Rear Commodore Fred Roed and Karen, Vice Commodore Jack Sullivan and Marion, and our talented and dedicated Flag Officers, Trustees, Committee Chairs and professional club staff. We treasure the support of our many friends in this wonderful Club and the Grand XIV family of Commodores and spouses as we navigate this Journey of the "Chairs."



- Born: Warren, Ohio
- Education: MBA, Harvard Business School, 1970; BS Mechanical Engineering Cornell University, 1961
- Occupation: Medical Facility Development & Finance
- Boat: 43' Tollycraft "Venture I"



JACK SULLIVAN 2008

Marion joins in sending each and every one of our members our best wishes for a great year of fun on and near the water. All of us at Seattle Yacht Club have special memories of the great times we have had with the wonderful people- at SYC. Each of us would have a variety of answers if asked, "What does the Seattle Yacht Club mean to you?"

In no particular order, for me:

SYC means sitting outside the San Juan Room at Friday Harbor enjoying the camaraderie at Greenbox looking out at Mt. Baker all golden in the setting sun.

SYC means getting to know the people of SUMA Yacht Club in a totally unique way through the Takarabune exchanges in both Kobe and Seattle.

SYC means enjoying the banter and fellowship at Thursday Men's Lunch.

SYC means enjoying the hospitality of the Olympia Yacht Club at their reciprocal dock in downtown Olympia.

SYC means swimming at Ovens Island.

SYC means being on parade at the opening and closing ceremonies of Opening Day.

SYC means watching from Effingham Bay as the sun sinks into the Pacific during numerous NORPAC Regattas.

SYC means Greenbox amongst Vera's flowers at Garden Bay.

SYC means choking up when a young girl at Special Peoples Cruise asks, "Why does the day have to end?"

SYC means laughing so hard it hurts at Thursday Rope Yarn.

SYC means enjoying the 4th of July festivities with great friends at Henry Island or Elliott Bay.

SYC means laughter and tears in Dubrovnik at the close of a wonderful Croatian cruise.

SYC means participating in the Stimson Cup with my great powerboat friends.

SYC means great family occasions with Club staff who seem to enjoy themselves every bit as much as our family and friends.

SYC means great times with great friends at Sail and Powerboat dinners.

SYC means sitting atop Red Granite Point (Cortes Bay) with the Straits of Georgia as our private domain.

SYC means the Sullivan's as new members being warmly welcomed at Port Madison in the middle of Powerboat Rendezvous.

SYC means rafting with the Tammy J and Bandit in the Bunsby Islands (Vancouver Island West Coast) in a deluge we still talk about.

SYC means great weekends at Gig Harbor and Eagle Harbor.

SYC means taking advantage of our Reciprocity arrangements to enjoy wonderful dining at St. Francis, Royal Hong Kong, San Diego, Royal Vancouver and Royal Victoria.

SYC means partying with great friends at Princess Louisa.

SYC means seeing our burgee and the new member pennant flying from a boat in the marina at Petersburg AK which led to a great ongoing friendship.

SYC means telling friends around the world that many of the best people we have ever met were at the Seattle Yacht Club and that many of them are staff.

What does SYC mean to you? I've only scratched the surface. Hopefully my partial list will cause you to enjoy some great memories of your own.

Please remember, it's all about FUN!



- Born: 1933
- Education: Bachelor of Commercial Science, Seattle Univ., 1955
- Occupation: Retired reinsurance broker
- Boat: Oyster Ketch 46' "Flying Eagle"



C. FRED ROED 2009

It is truly an honor and a Privilege to serve as your Commodore this year. This means a lot to me and I will assure you that I will do what I Pledged to do when I was "Sworn in" at the recent annual meeting; that I will abide by and enforce our By-Laws and regulations maintain our great traditions and culture and build Upon the work of those who have gone before me.

Our dub is built on a strong foundation of member involvement and fiscal responsibility. Our predecessors designed and developed a model that has Stood the "test of time" and still serves US today. I will work tirelessly to continue to preserve Our great traditions and culture, to not forget where we came from and to encourage change where it improves and benefits our entire club.

I am excited about working and interacting with our board, elected and appointed officers, and all our dedicated committees as we face the known and unknown challenges that will surface this year. I want to thank each and every member for your tremendous commitment and with your generous contribution of time, energy and expertise we will overcome our challenges and continue our tradition as TBGDYCIVWWI

Karen and I are looking forward to working with Larry and Joyce, Kim and Jill and all of you this year. We have made a great many friends at the club since we joined some twenty-one years ago and we are excited about meeting new friends, reconnecting with old ones and enjoying the camaraderie we all share and value with our great and vibrant club.



- Born: 1947 Duluth Mn.
- Education: BA-Luther College
- Occupation: Investment Advisor
- Boat: Hatteras 48' "Roedrunner"



LARRY MCCARTHY 2010

Seattle Yacht Club is unique among the major yacht clubs of the world. Our Club is a charter member of the International Council of Yacht Clubs. Being among the largest in number of members, it also has nine outstations that stretch from south Puget Sound to Desolation Sound in British Columbia. The club is run by 65 standing committees, who with the Bridge, Board and Flag Officers and Staff formulate Strategic Planning and maintain operational control of our Club. The facilities we maintain are of a major commitment of our club for our members and their guests. The Mainstation on Portage Bay is open 6 ½ days a week with food service every day. We maintain 2 floats at Shilshoal for our Race team, as well as a Club House at Elliott Bay Marina for use by our members. What makes this Club great is our members working together and continuing the time and many talents. My training as a committee member, then a committee chairman, followed by being a trustee and then an apprentice as Rear and Vice Commodore under the leadership of Fred Roed helped immensely to enable me to be your Commodore. It is a great pleasure to be able to work with Kim and Jill, Chuck and Pam, the Trustees, Flag Officers, and Staff to keep the SYC ship on a steady course. Boating, both Power and Sail, as well as education are primary objectives for our Club. The Small Boat Center at Port Madison will come on stream this year as construction is completed. Rebuilding our Salt Spring Marina in Ganges is purchasing 12 Vanguard 15s. The boats are now sailed by college sailors throughout the Country. Our Trio of Opening Day 2010 has an excellent theme, Out of the World. This should make Seattle Opening Day of Boating to be special. Joyce and I will do our best to maintain the History and Traditions of Seattle Yacht Club. We are deeply honored for the privilege to serve you, our members, this year.



- ▶ Born: 1932 New York City, NY
- ▶ Education: Villanova University, PA accounting
- ▶ Occupation: Finance
- ▶ Boat: 42' Valiant "Perseverance"



KIM LORENZ 2011

Jill and I wish all members experience another year of enjoyment as a result of belonging to the Seattle Yacht Club. The club has so much to offer: outstanding dining facilities and our incredible Outstations. The SYC committee system is unequalled anywhere and provides camaraderie and long term friendships.

What an honor to be the ninety-fourth Commodore of an institution started 119 years ago. Our Club remains successful as a result of past leadership and our dedicated membership. The more you learn about the club, the more impressive it is.

We have weathered the difficult economic times comparatively well. Our membership value and offerings far exceed any of the other major yacht clubs around the world. This is largely due to you the members and our committees that serve all aspects of the club so well. Our board this year is outstanding, as are the Committee chairs and members, all of whom focus on maintaining the financial excellence and membership value you have come to expect.

We have a new General Manager Steve Hall, a new executive chef Scott, facilities which are in excellent shape, and a new cruising season ready to be kicked off. We remain a club focused on boating activities and provide facilities and yachting activities unmatched by few yacht clubs in the world. Members continue to keep these events and activities fun, safe, enjoyable. We hope you will get involved, share the fun, and attend some of the many events planned for the year.

The Opening Day theme is well-timed and educational with the newly named *Salish Sea* title. Our brilliant Trio will again lead us through one of the largest public yachting events in the world. We, as members, can be so proud to support Opening Day 2011. Imagine a committee comprised of over 250 SYC members that put on Opening Day with flawless precision, interacting with some 20 city, county, federal and state agencies and thousands of participants.

This year the club will host the International Council of Yacht Clubs (ICOYC) annual Forum. This is the first time ICOYC will be held in the US. Many large yacht clubs from around the world will attend. Our members will be invited to several of the events, receptions and gala ball at the conclusion. Look for more information in the Binnacle and CompassNEWS.

We hope to see you often around the club and on the water, and to meet new friends, welcome new members, and invite other quality boaters to join SYC. Stay safe and have fun this year enjoying the benefits of belonging to this jewel we call the Seattle Yacht Club.

Kim Lorenz Commodore



- Born: 1951 Seattle WA
- MBA University of Washington
- Occupation: Business owner, CEO, author & Philanthropist.
- Boat: 51 foot Ocean Alexander "Tireless"



CHUCK LOWRY 2012

It is an honor and I am sincerely grateful for the continued opportunity to serve SYC. Pam and I will also always appreciate the new and deeper friendships developed over these past years at Seattle Yacht Club. Additionally, I have acquired an increased understanding of the immense contribution made by the ninety-four Commodores serving before me. Many of those continue to contribute welcome, sage advice on current issues that are very helpful.

By any measure, Seattle Yacht Club is a very active, large and unique club. With our wonderful voting and spousal members we have over 5000 people contributing to making Seattle Yacht Club even better. We take great pride in these members' accomplishments and contributions, as well as our facilities and traditions. They do this all in the name of member fun while maintaining Seattle Yacht Club's position as one of the world's best yacht clubs.

Our reputation as a premier yacht club continues to be elevated by our Olympic medalist Sailing Director, Brian Ledbetter, Fleet Captain Sail, and our outstanding race committee. They support the highly talented and dedicated junior and adult racing sailors who continue to carry the SYC Burgee to both national and international events. They are so successful that they are routinely asked to host more national championship events than time or budget permit. Both power and sail members have organized fun joint cruising events with other large internationally known yacht clubs. These events have been well attended by SYC members and have elevated our reputation as an international club.

The Powerboat Committee and our Fleet Captain Power, Howard Gray, continue to host highly respected regional log racing events as well as wonderful cruising events for our members to enjoy.

I'm also proud that Seattle Yacht Club has been an active member of the International Council of Yacht Clubs since 2003 when it was first founded. The ICOYC is an organization of premier yacht clubs. SYC members are fortunate to be able to take advantage of reciprocal use of the other outstanding yacht clubs throughout the world.

Pam and I are very pleased and fortunate to work with Vice Commodore Rob Rothe and Len, Rear Commodore Chris Warner and Pam, our talented and dedicated Flag Officers, Trustees, Committee Chairs and outstanding professional club staff. Again, thank you for this opportunity to be Commodore of Seattle Yacht Club.

Chuck Lowry, Commodore



- Born: 1947 Bellingham, WA
- Education: BS Degree Accounting U of W
- MBA University of Puget Sound
- Occupation: Accounting/Banking/Securities
- Boat: Bayliner 43' "Summation"



ROB ROTHE 2013

It is a privilege to be able to serve as your Commodore of Seattle Yacht Club. Our common interest in boating and our truly spectacular cruising waters of the Pacific Northwest has drawn all of us together as members to create one of the finest yacht clubs in the world.

Our boating activities are the essence of our reputation as a yacht club. Our commitment to both our sailing and powerboat programs are a great source of pride and an important focus of our governing actions to our Club. We can be very proud of our SYC history of participation in recognized world-class event competition such as Olympic sailing, the America's Cup, International, national and local sailing competition. Our power boaters are well recognized and respected for providing national championship teams to regional and national races. Our cruising members fly our SYC burgee to foreign seas all around the world proudly representing our Club as world-class yachtsmen. Our SYC Opening Day celebration, with this year's theme *Hawaiian Magic*, is a 92- year boating tradition and is the largest opening day celebration in the world.

Our Portage Bay Mainstation provides our members with an exceptional waterfront facility. Our dedicated staff provides professional catering for all events and our food and beverage operations make the Seattle yacht Club the best restaurant in town. Our fabulous outstation facilities are strategically located throughout our Pacific Northwest cruising waters. These safe harbor marinas are a special place for our members to gather, share stories, plan their boating adventures and enjoy camaraderie of friends and fellow members.

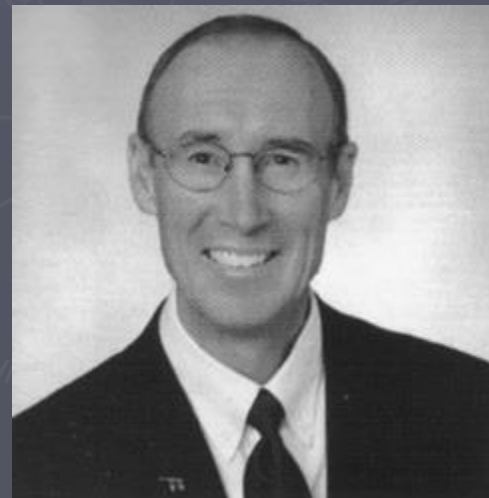
When you combine the notable accomplishments of our yachtsmen, the fabulous facilities available to our members and the grand tradition of our 120-year-old Yacht Club, we recognize that we are the stewards of "TBGDYCITWWW".

I look forward to serving as your Commodore as we preserve, protect and enhance our Club assets while fulfilling our Club's stated mission and purpose of "encouraging yachting and boating of all kinds and the development of the recreational marine advantages of the Pacific Northwest."

Len and I, onboard the Starlight Express, look forward to seeing you on the water or around the Club as we enjoy good times and great friends at Seattle Yacht Club.

Rob Rothe Commodore

- ▶ Born 1954, Glendale CA
- ▶ Education: BS in Accounting
- ▶ Occupation: Real Estate Developer
- ▶ Boat: 52' Ocean Alexander "Starlight Express"



CHRIS WARNER 2014

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Commodore of the Seattle Yacht Club. It is an honor for Pam and me to be chosen to serve. We are among the largest and finest yacht clubs on the planet and are blessed with the great sailing and cruising grounds we all enjoy so much.

We all joined for a reason, to have fun, meet other boaters and make new friends to enjoy our unparalleled facilities and be part of a prestigious Club with its rich traditions reaching back over 120 years.

We do have one overwhelming challenge: we must remain vigilant regarding our membership levels in the rapidly changing population dynamic that engulfs us. Recruiting new members must remain our top priority in the foreseeable future so we can sustain the facilities we all enjoy so much.

Our sailing and powerboat programs are second to none on the West Coast. Our sailors are recognized nationally and internationally. Our log racers are, well simply phenomenal. We put on an incredible Opening Day for the region's yachtsmen and the City of Seattle. Our Outstations have been described as simply incredible by members and guests alike. We are the envy of the world class yacht clubs for our facilities. Visiting yachtsmen from near and far consistently comment on being blown away at the friendly forks they meet. Thank you all for making our reputation what it is.

I pledge to serve you well, to preserve our assets, build our membership and make sure we remain on a financially sound footing. Our committee system is unique in club governance and it works beyond anyone's imagination because most of us are pulling in the same direction.

We have a phenomenal staff to serve us and manage day to day functions of the Club with policies made by the committees and ratified by the Board.

Pam and I look forward to seeing you on the water and around the Club.

Chris Warner Commodore



- Born: 1942, Ann Arbor MI
- Occupation: CEO, Physician Recruiting Firm
- Education: BS preventive medicine, MBA hospital administration
George WA University
- Boat: 44' Swan "Panther"



ROGER ANDERSON 2015

I am honored to serve as Seattle Yacht Club's 98th Commodore. Our Club is the model for yacht clubs throughout the world in financial strength; membership rolls; range of yachting activities and outstation ownership. SYC members benefit from a governance model that promotes member involvement and places ultimate authority in the members themselves. We plan forward, consider change slowly, and recognize that every member finds their personal joy in a different mix of Club activities or amenities. You have my commitment to preserve and protect these assets throughout our 123rd year. To achieve this objective I am fortunate to have constant support from my fellow Flag Officers, Trustees and Committee Chairs that comprise Team 2015. I also have the counsel of our Past Commodores through the Advisory Committee.

My commitment to preserve and protect requires a keen eye on the future demographics of our regional yachting and boating community as well as a focus on how we do business and adapt to change. In that regard, I would like to share with you my goals for SYC in 2015.

Make sure that our self-governance process is fun for all participants.

Never lose sight of our history and traditions.

Strive for excellence in everything that we undertake.

Foster and encourage an ever higher level of member participation across all activities.

Bring to membership a fact-based report on how the currently defined Life Membership class will affect our ability to deliver affordable value to all our members while maintaining a strong financial position.

Appoint a special committee to study the Joint Membership By-Law and determine if changes will produce greater benefits and protections for our members.

Provide the highest level of support for our membership development program.

Invest in the necessary accounting process changes that will allow our committees and staff to receive timely, accurate, and meaningful management reports.

Together, working as members and friend, we can achieve these goals and more. I am blessed with your support and that of my wonderful wife, Mary.

Roger Anderson, Commodore



- Born: 1946 Seattle WA
- Education: BS Architecture U of W
- Occupation: Real Estate Development
- Boat: 53' Custom Monk "Esperance"



DON GLOCKNER 2016

I am humbled and honored that you have granted me the opportunity to be your Commodore. Although Carol and my eyes may be on the horizon with charting a new course for SYC, we will not forget that we are tied to past traditions and Club heritage. We look forward to working with Lynn, Tom, Tyler and Gwen, along with Trustees and Committee Chairs. Our Club village is a community of gifted and talented members.

This year will give way to new challenges with the replacement of the General Manager, continued work with the management structure and the improvement of financial reporting. I appreciate the willingness of members to step forth and assist in these activities along with the assistance of our Club Staff. I believe that as we near completion of this year, the Club will move forward with stronger and continued recognition, as one of the premier yacht clubs in the world.

Our committee system has brought us to the present and will continue to carry us forward. It is with this involvement of our members and fiscal responsibility that we have become TBCDYCITWWW. The numerous activities presented by the club's committees will keep many members busy throughout the year. If you are not involved, consider doing so, it will enhance your experience of being a member and will also give you the opportunity to make new friends and enjoy the camaraderie of old friends.

The Opening Day theme this year, "*A Great Escape*", provides an exciting opportunity for decorating boats. The Opening Day Committee is the biggest in the Club and gives Seattle the largest on-the-water event worldwide. Our guests will likely give us a plethora of designs. Thanks to our Trio, this year will most likely be one to remember. Seattle Yacht Club will be hosting the Takarabune Regatta prior to Opening Day. The Clipper Round the World race will arrive in Seattle at the same time. Details on each of these events will be presented in the *Binnacle* and *CompassNEWS* throughout the year. SYC continues to be a part of world class activities as was evidenced by our recent participation in the New York Yacht Club Invitations.

Family events give many opportunities for members' children and grandchildren. We provide the Christmas and Easter Brunches at the Mainstation along with Potlatch at Port Madison and Henry Island 4th of July. Summer evenings on the lawn and lake at the Mainstation make great family gatherings for all ages.

I hope that you enjoy the Club as much as Carol and I have over the past 36 years. We look forward to continued camaraderie and making new friends as we go through the year. Thank you for the privilege of serving as your Commodore, I will give it my all to meet your expectations.

DON GLOCKNER Commodore



- Born: 1944 Orange, CA
- Education: BA degree Cal State Fullerton
Accounting
- Occupation: CPA
- Boat: 47' Beneteau "Forget Me Knot"



LYNN WINGARD 2017

The opportunity to serve as the Commodore of the Seattle Yacht Club is an incredible honor. For me to say that being the first woman Commodore in our 125-year history is the highlight of my life would be an understatement. I am humbly grateful to the membership, and I will do my utmost to make you proud.

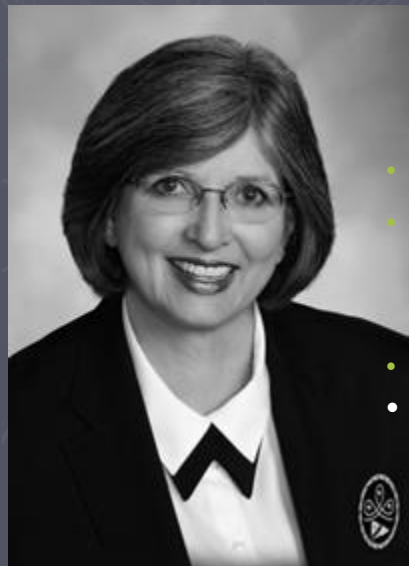
As my exposure to other yacht clubs around the world increases, my respect and admiration for our Club grows. We are without a doubt ahead of the curve and a leader among yacht clubs. Our governance by committee system is unique and our success with it astounds other clubs. The traditions we have and programs we offer, on and off the water serve a wide variety of interests and ages. The creative and unending energy that our members pour into the Club benefits all of us and is appreciated.

However, it is not always smooth sailing. The challenges that our Club faces today are not new. We are dealing with increasing operating costs, finding new members, and making sure that we continue to provide member benefits with value. As we continue to embrace evolving technologies, we will address our old nemesis's communication and record retention. One challenge for our committee driven system is to find that happy place where the member committees and staff work together toward a common goal. I can't recall a time when member and staff teamwork worked as well as it does now. It's not easy and there will always be hiccups. So, kudos to Club leadership and staff. It is a pleasure to work with you all.

The Club's mission is to encourage yachting and boating of all kinds. I believe if we continue to provide the quality opportunities to learn and enjoy the boating we love, the rest will take care of itself.

Tom and, together with our daughters Courtney and Dalynn, are truly blessed to be a part of the Club. The fun and enjoyment our family has had throughout the years as members of our wonderful Club will never leave us. There are more good times to be had for all members so live, laugh and love...boating.

Lynn Wingard, *Commodore*



- Born:: 1957, Seattle WA
- Education: BS Economics UW, Masters Science of Taxation, Golden Gate University
- Occupation: CPA
- Boat: Albin 36 "Winward"



2018 T. Tyler Ellison

It is truly an honor to be elected the 101st Commodore of Seattle Yacht Club. I look forward to serving with Vice Commodore John Van Duzor and Rear Commodore Ted Shultz, along with the other elected officers and the Board of Trustees. The history of Seattle Yacht Club is to be admired by many other Clubs. Whether you have a sailboat, a powerboat, cruiser or racer, ski boat or a crew for a weekend, the enjoyment of the water is what binds us together and has been our common bond over the years. My goal during our 125th year is for all members to strive to have fun boating on the Puget Sound, or wherever our cruising plans take us.

The tradition of Seattle Yacht Club is one that I take most seriously. The unique committee system of our Club has proven successful over these many, many years. I fully support the member-driven committees in our Club. Our members freely give the most precious thing they can offer - their time. I encourage every member to participate in the committee system by volunteering for one of the many opportunities. You will be repaid for your efforts many fold with meeting fellow members, being part of the decision process that governs our Club, and having some fun along the way, too.

Because of the considerable forethought and planning from those members who came before us, we are fortunate to enjoy ten out stations in addition to our historic Mainstation. These outstations offer some of the best cruising destinations in the world – from Gig Harbor to Cortes Bay. As members, you should take every opportunity to visit these outstations whenever possible. Together with our other physical property, the upkeep and maintenance of our assets requires constant care and attention.

I pledge to preserve the sound financial structure that we have maintained in the Club. Recent changes in our financial policies have resulted in improved financial stability and strength. Our Club staff works tirelessly to achieve operational goals. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated and loyal staff. Continued growth of new memberships in Seattle Yacht Club is vital. Our purpose is to encourage yachting and boating of all kinds in the Pacific Northwest. Ask your boating friends if the Seattle Yacht Club is right for them.

Gwen and I look for to seeing you around our Club during the coming year.

TYLER ELLISON, Commodore



- Born: 1948 Chicago IL
- Education: BBA U of Hawaii
MBA Chaminade University
MBA U of N Carolina Chapel Hill
- Occupation: Pharmaceutical Marketing Executive
- Boat: 36' Grand Banks Classic "Kama Aina III"



2019 John Van Duzor

It is both an honor and with great sense of responsibility that I serve as your 102nd Commodore. With the able support of Vice Commodore Ted Shultz, Rear Commodore Bob Mc Connell, Treasurer Dick Haelsig, Secretary Sarah Layman as well as the Board of trustees, our Club will have a very productive year.

In writing this message, I took the opportunity to read several previous Commodore's messages. It is not surprising how much has not changed over the years. We are still a committee driven club with ever increasing member involvement. In 2004 Roger Werner stated we have 54 committees; we now have over 90. Commodores Foti and Otorowski wanted better electronic communication, we now have staff tasked with improving club communication.

After years of deferring projects, we are accomplishing many major improvements. At the Mainstation over 60-year-old wood flagpole has been replaced with an almost identical aluminum pole. The 35- to 40-year-old heating and air conditioning systems will be upgraded. This summer, after a two-year build, the Cortes Bay Outstation will have a completely new home for laundry, shower and Cortes Room, as well as upgrading the Manager's residence. Several of our committees are working together to develop a much needed comprehensive long range plan for maintaining all of our assets.

Financially, we remain in very good condition. Our membership continues to increase, some are even predicting that we may reach near the cap by year end, with a waiting list.

This year's Opening Day will mark the 100th Anniversary of building the Montlake Cut. With the theme of *Boating through the Decades*, it is destined to be a great event. Many thanks go to all 250+ member volunteers that make this a one-of-a-kind annual event.

This coming May 20 SYC members will be participating in the triennial Takarabune race at our sister club, Suma Yacht Club in Kobe, Japan.

The question that remains is how do we expand member satisfaction? The definition of a club is "a group of people organized together for a common purpose." The challenge remains to find a common purpose. We do not just have Sail and Power. We have sailors that race, others that cruise, and some do both. The same can be said for our power boaters-some never venture past the San Juans, while others do not think twice about cruising to Alaska and beyond. Our boats range from day sailers to mega yachts. The demographic of our membership ranges new members to members who joined 80 years ago. It truly becomes a balance act to accommodate all the demands from such a diverse group and still be called TBGDYCITWWW.

Anne and I would like to thank all for the support our membership has given us. We are looking forward to making many new friends both at the Club and on the water. We will always represent our Club to be best of our ability.

John Van Duzor, Commodore



- ▶ Born: Aurora Illinois 1950
- ▶ Education: BS in Zoology U of W
- ▶ Occupation: Manufacture's Representative
- ▶ Boat: 46' Viking Sportfish "Viking Thunder"



2020 Ted Shultz

"...to hold yacht races, to encourage clean sportsmanship: develop and improve boat design and generally to have an organization of persons who loved the water and who appreciated the thousand and one points of scenic beauty on the sound that are accessible only to the yachtsman."

These were the state objectives of the founders of our Club in 1892 as quoted by the Seattle Poist Intelligencer on June 27, 1920 which are as valid todays as they were on May 1, 1920.

With the lowering of Lake Washington, its connection to Puget Sound through Portage Bay, Lake Union, the Ship Canal, and ultimately the Locks, our yacht club on fresh water became feasible. IN the late teens land at the west end of the Montlake Cut was acquired and plans developed for the new SYC club house. Construction began in 1917 and was completed in the spring of 1920.

SYC's Commissioning ceremony for the a new club house was held May 1,1920 and the first year of her official life at 1908 East Hamlin Street making her presence known to the Northwest Yachting Community with great fanfare including a parade through the Montlake Cut to Lake Washington.

Currently plans to celebrated the centennial of our Club house on Portage Bay include recognition at 2020 Opening Day's Friday Lunch and the Opening Day Ceremonies on May 2. These events are being planned by our Historical Committee, the 2020 Opening Day Committee, and the special Events Committee (Entertainment).

As we start 2020, I am fortunate to lead the Club as the Commodore at a time when we have both favorable financial metrics and a stable membership. The current leadership team is more than qualified to undertake the tasks that we have been called on to perform. I have the utmost confidence that the Club will be well cared for during the coming year by the Bridge, the elected and appointed Flag officers, the Trustees, the Committee Chairs, and the General Manager and her staff.

This is not to say that this will be an uneventful voyage. While there may not be large changes, thee are improvements that can and should be addressed. The Club must remain sensitive to maintaining our history and the traditions developed over the past 128 years, while addressing changes that keep the Club modern and relevant in the face of a changing member demographic. We have installed a new software package that has improved our financial reporting and record keeping, and we will be addressing the By-Law amendments approved at the 2019 Annual Meeting which will enable online voting changes and put together timelines and protocols for both the Special and Annual Meetings.

We also want to ensure that the Club has a strong leadership development programs, starting with the Juniors and working up through the Ais and younger members available to p Active members. The key is to develop greater member participation to enlarge and improve the pool of qualified members available to progress through Club governance. We will also review recommendations that have come from previous studies or reports for the Cozadd Governance Report on various Long-Range Planning Reports, and potentially bring up more items for consideration.

Other items that require attention during the year will also, but hopefully they will be minor and will not disrupt the flow of Club life. I thank all of you for the vote of confidence shown by electing me Commodore and I wish you favorable winds and calm seas during the coming year.

Ted Shultz, Commodore



- Born:1945, Washington, DC
- Education: BS political Science
Masters in public administration
- Occupation: Retired
- Boat: Hatteras 38 Convertible (sport fish)
"BayouCadillac"



2021 Bob McConnell

I approach the position of Commodore of the Seattle Yacht Club with a sense of honor, humility and responsibility. The reason in my view, that this Club has prospered and remained vibrant for 128 years is because of its member driven governance.

Our By-Laws place an obligation upon our Members to use their individual energy, and talents to support and continually improve everything from finances, operating and maintaining our grand Mainstation and Outstations, safety education, sailing techniques and social gathers and Opening Day celebrations, to name just a few. Absent member involvement and direction the Club could still exist, but it could not lose their sense of community and ownership among members that we enjoy. Those members whose available time does not allow involvement in operations are crucial to the longevity of the Club as well. It is vital to have members who want to attend participate and enjoy the events and Club benefits.

Under the direction of our General Manager, Amy Shaftel, our crew stands ready to bring back all the member benefits we enjoy as soon as possible. We will continue to integrate ever-advancing technology combined with excellent professional service to make our Club experiences something we all want to share with fellow members and friends.

The Opening Day Trio had a bit of a trial run in 2020 as the related events and celebrations, as well as the parade, could not take place. Our Trio will be back in 2021 to lead a committee of over 200 members in coordination with City, County, State and Federal agencies to orchestrate the largest free public event in Seattle. It has been a grand affair for over 100 years and a source of great pride to the Club.

Challenges remain and will continue into 2021. The measure for the upcoming year will be not what events and gatherings we could not do. Instead, it will be how the Club has come together, been creative, inventive and determined to continue to be a premiere yacht club that we are proud to be a member of and continues to contribute to the protection and enjoyment of the Salish Sea.

Bob McConnell, Commodore

- Born: 1949, Seattle, WA
- Education: B. S. Central Washington Economics
JD Degree, Golden Gate University, San Francisco
- Occupation: Attorney
- Boat: Chris Craft Commander 39' "Finness"



2022 Pam Sanford

There is nothing better than the honor of serving as Commodore of the Seattle Yacht Club. The question I am often asked is: If you'd known what was coming, would you still have done it? While it's true that no one could have predicted the global issues in advance, the answer is: Absolutely, yes, without hesitation! We've experienced a worldwide pandemic resulting in chronic supply chain shortages, country, state and local lockdowns, and even unprecedented forest fires to the north and south of us. All of these and many other things have forced us to be nimble, to adapt quickly and to be creative as we move forward. All that said, the outcome has been generally positive.

Seattle Yacht Club has been around for 129 years, and we had already survived a pandemic early on the 20th century. The members before us preserved the club for us both physically and financially – for all those years. Our job now is to continue to protect and maintain the club for future generations of SYC members. It's all about boating and engaging the strength of our boating community. That has proven to be the glue that holds us together – even more so now than in “normal” times. We all love boats and engaging with fellow boaters. That's what we about and our nautical focus and fellowship has served us well in these challenging times.

Our mission this year is to navigate the “new normal” and determine what SYC will look like as we emerge. The last 18 months has forced us too make a lot of changes very quickly and not all of these changes were bad. As a club we remain financially healthy, and our governance system is strong. Our growing membership has remained incredibly engaged and connected throughout the last two years thanks to virtual technologies. This coming year we will be focused on rebuilding, re-engaging and revitalizing SYC traditions. We will determine what we retain moving forward what we bring back and how. This alone is a daunting task but there is no doubt that with our extraordinary crew and engaged membership we can accomplish this together.

David and I, along with our daughters Meghan and Melissa, are fortunate to be a part of this wonderful club. We look forward to seeing you on the water and at the club as we continue to enjoy our Seattle Yacht Club boating life on the Salish Sea.

Pam Sanford, Commodore



- Born: Born 1958 Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Education - BA/University of Washington; MSE/Seattle University
- Occupation – Software Engineer
- Boat: Globe 38 “Rosinante”



2023 Phil Calvert

I first want to thank you for being a member of the "World's Most Premiere Yacht Club." It is truly an honor to be elected the 106th Commodore of the Seattle Yacht Club. It is also an honor to be working closely with Vice Commodore Pam Lowry Rear Commodore Randy Holbrook and our talented Board of Directors.

"Excellence in Yachting" is my theme for the 131st year of the Seattle Yacht Club. Our traditions set our members apart from any other Yacht Club in the Salish Sea and around the world. The tradition of our extensive Committees system is the true heartbeat of the club, at last count we have 77 committees. These volunteers work hard, put in a lot of time, and are a big part of what governs the Club. We are also lucky to have increase our membership over the past years. I encourage you to get involved with a committee of your choice. You will be repaid many times over by meeting fellow members, making a difference in the Club and having fun.

This past year has seen many changes including a new General Manager, Food and Beverage Manager, Finance Director, Catering and Events Director, managers and staff. The leadership hard work, and dedication the new new staff has shown is remarkable, and they work tirelessly to achieve our operational goals.

So I will continue to serve with my highest priorities: respect for our community; respect for our crew; respect for our volunteer chairpersons, committees, and Board; respect for our traditions, and respect for all our members. Events and activities are another important priority- especially providing the right member benefits to attract and retain members. My last priority is to be fiscally responsible for the present and future generations of this great club. We have excellent programs in place, but it takes community, volunteers and participation to keep them relevant. I have always enjoyed being involved with our community activities and have also enjoyed helping. Every volunteer effort has given me more in shared memories than I have given. Let us all respect, volunteer and be strategic with our budgets.

Deanne, John, and I look forward to seeing all our members and friends at activities, events and sailing throughout the Pacific Northwest!

Phil Calvert, Commodore



- Born: 1962, Seattle, WA
- Education: Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo
- Occupation: Property Manager
- Boat: 1973 Norlin 34 "Runaway"



2024 Pam Lowry

It is an extreme honor to be the 107th Commodore of Seattle Yacht Club. I am sincerely grateful for this opportunity. One of the best decisions that Chuck and I made in the early days of our marriage was to join Seattle Yacht Club. Since then, we have met life-long friends. Both of our children joined as juniors and are still members. I am so fortunate to have worked closely with so many talented Bridge and Board members during my Commodore years. We are fortunate to have willing volunteers that have the expertise to run the Club.

Seattle Yacht Club has the reputation as one of the premier yacht clubs in the world. We are a founding member of the International Council of Yacht Clubs (ICOYC), of which I am now on the Board. This organization fosters communications, understanding and information-sharing on issues ranging from membership retention and growth, finances, regatta event management and club operations. The members of our Club are fortunate to be able to take advantage of reciprocal use of the other outstanding yacht clubs in the world through ICOYC and our Reciprocity program. Our reputation as a premier yacht club continues to be elevated by our Olympic medalist Sailing Director, Brian Ledbetter. This year SYC member Jonathan McKee joined SYC members John Buchan and Carl Buchan in the National Sailing Hall of Fame. Our Junior racing program continues to produce excellent sailors who make regular podium appearances. The Mini 12 fleet is probably our most active racing fleet – racing almost every week both summer and winter.

The Sailboat Committee has put on the Tri Island Series and Grand Prix races for years, and in the past three years they have sponsored the Club Championships. The Powerboat Committee continues to provide wonderful cruising events for our members to enjoy. At least once per month there is a cruising event to enjoy. By any measure, Seattle Yacht Club is a very active and unique club. I am looking forward to this year with Vice Commodore Randy Holbrook, Rear Commodore Kip Cramer, Treasurer John Chuta, Secretary JoAnne Jones and the Board of Trustees.

Thank you again for this opportunity to be Commodore of the great Seattle Yacht Club. Socializing Yachting Caring



- ▶ Born: 1951 Great Falls, Mt
- ▶ BS degree Mathematics U of W
- ▶ Master's Degree Mathematics U of W
- ▶ Occupation: Math Teacher
- ▶ Boat Bayliner 43 "Summation"



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