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Commodore Paul's "Perfectly Strange"
storming around Lake Union

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Commodore's Words - Dec. 2009

This has been a great year of member-powered racing and cruising at STYC! Thanks to all those who have participated in club events this year, and thanks to all those who volunteered their time to help make them a success!

It was great to see and chat with many of you at our annual Christmas Party on December 11! It was a grand event, with excellent tunes provided by Little Bill and the Bluenotes! Thanks to Lisa Doherty and Tammy Walker for cooking the prime rib, to Skyler Palmer for cooking the salmon, and to Carol Pearl for working CYC's kitchen and putting together the salads and just about everything else! Thanks very much to member Dianne Carlson who did a fantastic job decorating CYC for the event! Bill Blodgett performed an amazing rescue after we set a new land speed record for beer consumption (we ran dry at 9:30p) and he was able to bring another keg from Ballard and have it tapped before Little Bill had worked through three songs! Thanks to Tom Barrigan for working

the door, accepting admission and donations for the Ballard Food Bank, and soliciting membership volunteers for next year's club events! Thanks also to all the other board members that helped set up and clean up the event – it was a terrific group effort, and an example of what makes this club so fantastic!

Our party's annual elections yielded the following for next year's board positions:

Commodore	Paul Kalina
Vice Commodore	Tim Morgenroth
Secretary	Nigel Barron
Treasurer	Chris Halstead
Board Position #1 (2009-2010)	Skyler Palmer
Board Position #2 (2010-2011)	Bill Blodgett
Board Position #3 (2009-2010)	Alex Simanis
Board Position #4 (2010-2011)	Tammy Walker

The following members will begin next year in appointed roles that they did not hold at the beginning of last year:

Handicapper <30	Nate Creitz
Handicapper >30	Kirk Utter
Race Chair	Dan Randolph
Past Race Chair	Tom Barrigan
Fleet Captain	?
Clubhouse Coordinator	Lisa Doherty

Thanks to outgoing board members Dave Marod (Vice Commodore), Ken Chin (Board Position #4), Bob Bonney (Handicapper <30), Stu Farrell (Handicapper >30), and Tom Barrigan (Race Chair) for all they have done for the club!

Thanks also to the following other appointed board members for last year's stellar efforts:

- Carol Pearl for allowing us to have our board meetings at her house and for helping organize all our club events and keep our traditions going strong!
- Bob Fould for doing a great job with our website, our membership database, our race and membership books, and event notification postcards!
- Steve Bunnell for the great work on the four Anchorlines we put out this year!
- Tammy Walker for helping organize three great cruises this year – GOTBOATi (Ben and Jen Braden's cruise to Port Orchard on Memorial Day), Poulsbo on July 3 (Mike Beste and others), and the Tides Tavern Trek (John and Lisa Doherty's cruise to Gig Harbor and Vashon Island circumnavigation)!
- Robert Leighton for coordinating with other clubs and maintaining our reciprocal moorage priveleges with them!
- Lisa Doherty for getting our trophy case back in shape and helping coordinate the updating of our perpetual trophies!

RACING

We concluded our 2009 race calendar on Saturday, October 31 (Halloween!) with our Fall Regatta. Thanks to members Nigel Barron, Alex Simanis for co-chairing this event and staffing the RC boat, Lucy, provided by member Ted Collier. See the Fall Regatta article in this Anchorline for more details.

The Fall Regatta (NFS division) was the last qualifying race for this year's Commodore's Cup. We ended the year without a single boat that completed all four NFS qualifiers. To prevent having another year without Commodore's Cup winner, we have changed the rules! Next year's Commodore's Cup will be awarded to the boat with the best five scores of the 11 race events hosted by STYC (8 weekend events, and 3 Ballard Cup series). See the 2010 race book (on the STYC website) for more details.

We have also instituted some changes related to race committee organization in years to come. Thanks to Dan Randolph for taking over as Race Chair next year! Beginning next year, in addition to Race Chair, we will have a Past Race Chair and Fleet Captain to complete a succession plan. Next year's Fleet Captain will become our future Race Chair, and the Past Race Chair will support the Race Chair and help identify club members to help staff race events. In order to help share the load amongst members, we are implementing event chairs that will oversee specific events and make sure they are adequately staffed by the following race event volunteer positions:

Volunteer Positions / Position Descriptions

Race Management / Collect race entries, check eligibility/rating, check class breaks, maintain race equipment, coordinate race event chairs

Race Event Chair / Coordinate RC Boat, PRO, RC Crew(4 in addition to PRO), Scorer, Protest Committee, Trophies, coordinate with Sloop Tavern (skippers meeting/awards party), host results party

Principle Race Officer / Pick up race equipment, run skippers meeting, run race, clean shotgun, clean and return race equipment

Race Scoring / Build and post class breaks, score results, provide results to EC and post to website

Protest Committee / Hear and evaluate protests following race event

RC Boat / Provide race event start/finish vessel

RC Crew / Attend race event and support PRO

Tom Barrigan, next year's Past Race Chair, is helping to recruit members to staff the above volunteer positions. Please see Tom's article in this Anchorline for more details on next year's race committee organization and the US Sailing Basic Race Management Seminar that he has helped organize at the CYC clubhouse on Saturday, January 23, 2010. The club is able to support member volunteer efforts in many ways, including reimbursement of fees (US Sailing Race Management Course, fuel/supply costs, etc.), and we aim to make sure you have a good time at any position you volunteer for. Please let us know where you're able to help out!

One of the many ways in which Carol Pearl helps our club is by acting as our PIYA representative. Carol represented us at PIYA's annual meeting in Bellingham last month. Her article in this Anchorline describes how PIYA helps set sailing safety standards and organize qualifiers for US Sailing.

We began organizing a new race event for next year that will be modeled after our successful Race to the Straits. The new event will be called Down the Sound and include a race from Shilshole to Gig Harbor on Saturday, August 7, and a race back to Shilshole on Sunday, August 8. Please see the article by Nate Creitz (event chair) in this Anchorline for more details.

CRUISING

John and Lisa Doherty put together a great event on September 26/27! Their Tides Tavern Trek was a definite success! Several boats joined John and Lisa and their boat Dacha for a circumnavigation of Vashon Island and a Saturday night at the Tides Tavern! Please see John's article in this Anchorline for more details.

Cruise Director Tammy Walker did a great job coordinating cruising events this year. Please contact Tammy with any ideas you might have for next year, and watch the cruising page on the website and/or use the website forum to get involved with cruising events next year.

We've made a couple of administrative changes to the club this year. We determined by vote at the Fall Membership Meeting to eliminate mailings and distribute electronic docs (race book, membership book, and Anchorlines) next year instead.

Lisa Doherty is our new Clubhouse Coordinator for 2010! Lisa has cleaned up our trophy case to make it look respectable again, and she is working to update our perpetual trophies that were last updated in 1993! Other potential clubhouse improvements to watch for in 2010 include a burgee outside the Sloop and a digital photo frame displaying club photos inside the Sloop. If you would like your printed boat photo on the wall inside the Sloop contact board representatives Carol Pearl or Kirk Utter. Please do not take down or put up photos without board approval. We unfortunately lost a couple photos of longtime members this year due to unauthorized photo replacements.

Nearly 30 new members joined STYC this year! Please welcome the following folks that joined STYC in the fourth quarter of this year:

<u>Member Name(s)</u>	<u>Boat Type</u>	<u>Boat Name</u>
Chris Kelly	Olson 25	Frolic
Chuck Stephens	J/105	Panic
Scott Peterson	Ranger 26-1	Runner
Jon and Lynne Hoskins	T-Bird	Keel Joy
Milton and Judy Zell	Alsea Bay 34	Melusine

Please look for these new members and give them a hearty Slooper-sized welcome to the club!
Thanks for a great year - and Keep it Fast, Fun, and Friendly!

Paul Kalina
2009 STYC Commodore

Departing Board Person Words

I have Former-Commodore Neil Bennett to thank for getting me involved with the Sloop Tavern Yacht Club Executive Board. At the Fall Membership Meeting over two years ago, Neil (then Commodore) commented that I should consider serving as a Member At Large on the Board. In an attempt to gracefully deflect the subject, I said "I'll give some thought...." At that year's Holidays Party, I found my name on the election ballot and was announced as a Member At Large for a two-year commitment.

At the end of these two years, I have developed a heightened appreciation for the people who volunteered, chaired committees, and served on the Board for the benefit of the general membership. During these two years, I was continually impressed by the selflessness of members, on the board and off. My increased respect for those members who have their names published is only surpassed by those who support the club, volunteering without title or public acknowledgement.

Here are some highlights from the last two years:

Lisa Doherty spearheading the update of the STYC trophy case at the tavern which our club is named after. An increase in participation in cruising. Jen and Ben Braden organizing a scavenger hunt/poker run/Get Out The Boat cruise. John and Lisa Doherty organizing a Tides Tavern cruise. Tom Barrigan overcoming the struggles during his first year chairing the race committee. The continued success of STYC members in the local racing scene. The inclusion of flying sail class in all STYC races followed by the evolution of STYC's Commodore's Cup to include all racers. Carol Pearl continuing generosity graciously offering her house for the Board's monthly meetings.

For me, the opportunity to get to know the people on the Board better and to watch how seriously they work for the good of the club will be the most impressive thing I take away from these two-years on the Board. I strongly encourage those who can make the time to volunteer to get involved with the club in any capacity.

There is something to the old saying, you get as much as you put into it. As to my future involvement with the club, I'll give it more thought.... Thanks for the opportunity. Ken Chin

Do you know how much anchor and chain you must have to race legally and safely under our racing rules? Do you know what lights and safety equipment are required, what radio capability you need??

PIYA (Pacific International Yachting Association, our local arm of US Sailing) sets the safety standards for the races we do as STYC members. Our club pays dues to this organization, which helps develop nation-wide and local rules for safe and fair racing. The rules are contained in a safety certificate available for download (go to STYC website, then racing, then category requirements). To race legally, you're supposed to have one of these certificates (signed) and onboard. PIYA relies on each club to enforce these rules, and each club relies on its members to inspect their boats and comply with them. The rules were designed to help keep racing safe and fair.

PIYA volunteers are in the process of updating the requirements, which should be available by the Iceberg Regatta (our first 2010 race). Our races are done under category III (in protected waters and in daylight), so many of the rules either don't apply or are only advised. The few that do apply are there for your safety (i.e., wood plugs onboard for all your through hull fittings, a radio, compass, manual bilge pump). If you haven't looked at these lately, please do so. As a club, we don't have the manpower to inspect each boat, but some clubs who sponsor the larger races do inspect. So beware! And keep yourself safe.

PIYA supports local youth racing clinics and regattas in the Pacific NW. Go to the PIYA website for specific information. It also supports the eliminations for US Sailing. Lately, there have been few teams wanting to compete for Adams Cup, etc. so qualifications have changed. Again, go to the website for details.

If you have questions, let me know!
Carol Pearl, PIYA Rep from STYC

“Down the Sound” 2010 event

“STYC would like to invite you to “Down The Sound” August 7&8 2010. DTS will be a two day race from Shilshole to Gig Harbor Saturday and returning to Shilshole Sunday featuring a party Saturday night. Race To The Straits has become one of the most popular events on the Sound and DTS will build on this formula utilizing warmer winds of August and a Southern destination.

Divisions will be the same as RTS, single handed, double handed, NFS and will use a rolling start based on PHRF ratings. So mark your calendars for Seafair weekend, come out and enjoy a “fun shorthanded race to Gig Harbor and back.”

Winter Vashon 2009

Every December I am faced with the same question: Winter Vashon or anything else? It has long been a joke in sailing that you never do a race with Winter or Vashon in the title. Sound logic really. With the scoring debacle last year, my expectations for the event were mixed. Saturday dawned. Wait, no it didn't, there was too much fog. The race was postponed approximately an hour for the fog to burn off enough that you could see the length of the starting line. And it was cold. Very cold. The start was looking like a classic Winter Vashon with cold air and little wind. As boats started and headed towards Colvos passage, the fog rapidly burned off leaving beautiful clear skies and a fickle southerly wind. Half-way up Colvos passage, jackets were even able to come off! As boats approached the north end of Vashon Island a wonderful 12-16 kt northerly filled in, helping all the slower boats make big gains on the faster boats, and propelling all boats around the turning mark just north of the ferry dock. As we headed down East Passage with the kite up, it became evident that Point Robinson was going to be the next re-start. The wind did decrease slightly as we approached Point Robinson, but never died, ensuring that all the boats would finish, that a lot of the boats would finish in daylight, and that the slower boats would have a great chance of correcting on the fast boats. As Winter Vashon races go, this one was excellent. TYC learned from the mistakes of last year and put on a great event. Sun, wind, cold, but not bad for December sailing.

Report from Nigel Barron

Race Committee Reorganization Volunteer Opportunities!

The position of Race Chairman is very difficult without help from the membership. For 2010, we are dividing the tasks into smaller parts. The Race Chairman will oversee these sub groups, something about many hands makes for light work. However, we need members to join these groups. We had lists at the Christmas party but the response was poor and the online renewal lacked the option to volunteer that the paper form had. The following is a list of the groups and their responsibilities.

The Event Chairman is the host of the race. They will preside over the skippers meeting and the awards party. They will acquire the committee boat and RC crew from the volunteer lists. Being an Event Chair will not stop you from participating in the race. We currently need someone to host the Spring Race.

Race Committee boats are needed for the events. We specifically need boats for the Race to Straits, Spring, Jack & Jill (Sunday), Fall and some Ballard Cup 3 races. The new Down the Sound race will require 1 or 2 boats.

Race Committee crew are needed to help on race day. We need to establish a pool of members that the Event Chair can call on. No experience is necessary. We need to have members help Shilshole Bay YC on the Ballard Cup series 1 and 2.

The Race Management group contains the members that run the race. They are the Principle Race Officers and have the training and experience to lead the race committee on the water. A Race Management seminar is scheduled for January 23 to provide this training. The Club will reimburse the cost of this seminar after the member has completed 3 days of RC duty.

This is for the first 5 members only.

The Scoring group is comprised of members with computer skills. Bob Foulds is leading this group. We want to use Sailwave which is the standard scoring program in this area. The time commitment for a race is to set up the race on Thursday night, post the class breaks on the web site, score the race afterward and post the results. This will not interfere with participating in the race.

The Trophy group is lead by Carol Pearl and will search for alternatives to our standard mug awards. Lisa Doherty is handling the trophy case update.

We also need a Protest Committee. This group will be on call on race day in the event of a protest.

The Blakely Rock Benefit Race will need volunteers for a number of tasks from soliciting donations to help with the breakfast.

We also need help party planning. These members will plan the spring and fall membership meetings and the Christmas party.

We have created a succession plan for Race Chairman. Dan Randolph will be Chairman in 2010. We have created the position of Fleet Captain. This position is to learn the Race Chairman's duties and become the next Chairman.

And finally the new position of Past Race Chairman has the duty of recruiting members to fill the above groups. If you would help in one or more of these groups, please contact Tom Barrigan at Sailtheory@gmail.com. You will not be overlooked.

STYC Cruising 1st Annual Vashon Island Circumnavigation and Tides Tavern Trek

Saturday 9/26/09 dawned a clear crisp fall day and conditions were promising. The West Point buoy provided a convenient rendezvous and starting area. The hope being that a fabulous northerly would join the flood tide and whisk the fleet past 3-Tree Point, Pt. Robinson and deposit us at the Gig Harbor entrance.

Salient and Dacha were joined by Blue Lullaby and things got underway. A very subtle northerly was barely enough to push the sailing fleet out of the fishing fleet but conditions were looking promising enough that Salient broke out the secret weapon: a Code 0. Dacha was forced to follow suit with the trusty 3/4 oz symmetrical while Blue Lullaby sensibly ignored the nonsense and motor-sailed ahead to anchor up south of Pt. Robinson and wait for better wind conditions. The wind Dept. gave up the tease and engine penalties were accrued until off Commencement Bay a brief but spirited reach ensued on the anticipated northerly tardily filling down the sound and lifting an anchored Blue Lullaby off to Gig Harbor. Upon entering the Harbor the STYC fleet discovered Quixote already anchored off the Tides Tavern dock having come down Colvos Passage and wondering where the rest of the Sloopers might be.

Things were quickly sorted out in the Tides and the ensuing Awards/ Happy Hour. The scoring was highly scientific and took into account several factors including Race Committee refreshments but sadly no salmon credits! John and Barbara aboard Blue Lullaby took top honors primarily due to their nifty sailing off the hook and reach into Gig Harbor. Phil and Susan aboard Quixote were second with the lowest engine penalty of the day and an apparently great sail down Colvos. Salient and Dacha initially shared last place until Jay and Catherine bought off the RC with a pitcher getting Salient sole third place rights. The awards continued with the UW and WSU football teams providing the losing entertainment. Michelle and Antonio took the rally award with a 1600, Elliott Bay Marina departure and subsequent arrival in Gig Harbor to join the fun. Overall a great day and worthy destination.

Sunday, broke to yet more sunshine and the kingfishers rattling about. The fleet rallied for the 0930 start. A light breeze in the cozily protected Gig Harbor concealing a refreshing 20 knot northerly pumping down Colvos passage. Crews sprung into action to get things stowed and ready for battle while remembering strangely rusty reefing and headsail change procedures. Quixote seemed the best prepared and charged up Colvos Passage sailing with a reefed main and fractional hoist blade headsail making impressive speed. Antonio helmed Tsunami while Michelle wrestled with a headsail change and foredeck issues eventually getting squared away to the frisky breeze. Blue Lullaby had left the harbor earlier and was busy trying to get that elusive salmon credit again to no avail and now was chasing after the fleet duking it out on a fabulous, cobweb clearing beat.

The wind held steady for the rest of day perhaps diminishing somewhat. Salient engine past needing to get back for the overland trip to Corvallis. Tsunami also had schedule issues and had to retire. This left Dacha and Quixote trading tacks and leading the way back to West Pt. Going to the west of Blake Island payed dividends for Dacha and she took line honors but by a remarkably close 2 minutes after 5 hours of sailing. Blue Lullaby finished a half hour later with a 4 hour engine penalty, no salmon credits to show for it but big smiles anyway.



Perhaps this can become an annual event that can only be more fun with more participants! After all, Seattle Yacht Club was out there on the exact same course providing some worthy combatants – er – comrades! Anyway thanks to all who came out and we look forward to doing this trip again if not next year then sooner!

John & Lisa Doherty s/v “Dacha”



Breezy Fall Regatta!

STYC Fall Regatta Results

The Sloop Tavern Yacht Club's Fall Regatta has traditionally been a non-flying sails event. Due to popular demand, however, flying sails classes were added again for this year's Halloween event. There was a fairly even split between with both the FS and NFS divisions with two classes each. The weather was fantastic for sailing - perhaps too fantastic for some. With a breeze forecasted at 15-25 knots at Shilshole quite a few originally entered boats elected to stay at the dock, and many of the flying sails boats were seen racing downwind legs with white sails. The race committee got off three races in quick succession, losing a few competitors over the course of the day to gear or sail failures. As usual the awards were held that evening at the Sloop Tavern, where smiles abounded after a great day on the water.

Tim Onders' Frog Prints took first place in NFS Class 1, Duke Phan's Grayling won NFS Class 2, Ross Peterson's Tenacious won FS Class 3, and John and Lisa Doherty's Dacha won FS Class 4. Complete race results can be found on STYC's website (<http://www.slooptavern.org/>).

Nigel Barron and Paul Kalina

Let's Cruise! - 2010

Ahoy Sloop Tavern Yacht Club Cruise Sailors,

I hope that all of you had a pleasant and safe set of holidays, and now ready to GO CRUISING in the New Year.

Cruising with a group of sailboats is an ideal way to enjoy what the Puget Sound has to offer. Navigating, popular anchorages, and some of the sounds amenities can all be experienced from a group of people who have been sailing these waters for years.

The intent of STYC Cruising is to be laid back and hassle free with lots of fun for everyone. Thank you to the 15 of you that filled out the STYC 2010 survey at the Christmas Party. (If you have not yet filled out a cruise survey, please do so on the following page) Your input is valued and appreciated. STYC Cruising is a loosely structured format. Participants are welcome to join in any or all outings – but it starts with you.

Over the last couple of years I personally experienced a few planned outings and look forward to those again and even a few additional ones. In the coming months look for invites where one and all are welcome and encouraged to join in! What makes STYC a GREAT club is the participation and enthusiasm each of you bring.

If anyone has suggestions for social outings/themes for 2010 please let me know.

Best regards and see you soon.

Tammy Walker

STYC Cruise Chairman

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206-819-0000 Yes, the 0's are correct

Cruise Committee Survey, 2009

The cruise committee would like a list of all members interested in cruising, whether it is a weekend, long weekend, or week(s) long cruise. As some of us make summer commitments early in the year, we would like to establish a STYC cruise schedule now. This will enable members to plan ahead. Those who might be at all interested, please complete the following questionnaire and e-mail it to tammy.walker@cunamutual.com, or send it to:

Tammy Walker
1738 NW 58th St., Ste 301
Seattle, WA 98107

Cruising Member Name: _____ Vessel name: _____

1. What length of time do you want to spend (check as many as you want)?

- Overnighter ()
- Weekend ()
- Longer weekend ()
- One week ()
- Two weeks or more, really? ()

2. What is your preferred leave day?

- Anytime during the week ()
- Friday ()
- Saturday ()

3. Are you interested in the following? (This is not a commitment)

- Snooze and Cruse (Date and destination TBD) Yes () No ()
- July 3rd fireworks at Poulsbo in Liberty Bay (may be combined July 4th in Port Blakely) Yes () No ()
- Week(s) long cruise around the last week in July Yes () No ()
- Long weekend cruise last weekend in July (If not the week cruise) Yes () No ()
- Week long cruise around the third week in August Yes () No ()
- Labor Day Cruise (long weekend: Labor Day is September 7th) Yes () No ()
- Burger and a beer at the Sloop (just say when) Yes () No ()

4. What is your preferred cruising destination(s)? Please number in order of preference.

- Poulsbo ()
- Gig Harbor ()
- Port Orchard ()
- Port Ludlow ()
- Langley ()
- Blake Island ()
- Kingston ()
- Other _____

Additional comments are most welcome and needed to make this your yacht club and what you would like from it...



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Which of these men might be experiencing "shrinkage"?

Moving? Change of Address?
 Please notify the club secretary
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