

Fircrest Yacht Club Wavemaker

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Fircrest Yacht Club Members!

Hello September! We have had a great summer of boating in the Puget Sound and its only going to continue with the Labor Day weekend cruise to Kingston! We have more great cruises scheduled for October so please get signed up to host or attend to help with planning. Rachel and I are looking forward to this weekend with a little Steve Miller Band on Friday and getting to Kingston in time for brunch on Saturday morning. It will be a great weekend for our Club!

While being cautiously optimistic, I have reserved the Fircrest Pool meeting room for our September 21st general meeting. I know it has been difficult this past year and a half not being able to meet in person, but we must also remain responsible in our actions to protect all members of our FYC. We will include a Zoom option for those who want to participate and observe remotely. I will monitor recommendations regarding in person meetings as the date gets closer and I ask that folks be patient and flexible. There are different steps we may take to facilitate this meeting like moving outdoors to the patio area depending on weather or requesting face coverings. I thoroughly understand there are many opinions and beliefs regarding this virus along with its Delta variant, trust that we are doing what we can to meet expectations while also providing a smart and safe environment for all members.

I received notice this morning that our 60 year Anniversary burgees (along with a Duck Award replacement) have shipped and are tentatively scheduled to arrive on Friday, hopefully in time for our Cruise! Also, there is still the ability to order insulated drinkware with or without our Club logo. I hope to have the first order completed/delivered soon. Hope to see you this weekend.

Take care of yourself, take care of each other and Be safe!

Gary McVay, Commodore

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Treasurer's Report:

Treasury Report September 2021

Beginning balance 7-31-21 \$9,594.47

4 Subtractions -1,105.60

Ending balance 8-31-21 \$8,488.87

Register balance \$8,488.91

Lori Fleek FYC Treasurer 2021

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Vice Commodore Comments:

Hello all! I hope you have gotten in all the summer boating your heart and budget could handle. Here on the Salty Tribe, we can't wait to see lots of you at Kingston this weekend. We have a plan of no plan to head out from there for about 2 weeks. I've been so happy to hear that lots of you have that same plan! Look out northern Puget Sound, FYC is coming for ya!

Moving into Fall, please contact Deb Martin to sign up for Halloween @ Des Moines. I have the sign up sheets for below two cruises - please let me know if you'd like to join or host!

October 1-3 @ Dock Street

1.) Rock Steady

2.) --- plenty of room to join us ---

November 26-28 @ Arabella's (pending they open transient moorage)

1.) --- no one signed up yet ---

A big welcome back to Mike & Michelle Lawrence aboard Time for Us. It was an honor to swear them in at the Port Orchard Cruise, they have been missed over the last 3 years and we are excited to have them back with us. In other news, Jeff & Alicia Down just announced they have sold Downtime! While they spend some time enjoying other things, they will be shopping around for bigger boats. Be sure to send them all those alluring Yacht World ads so they won't be MIA for long!

See you on the water!

Britney Latimer, Vice Commodore

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PLEASE NOTE!!!!

OUR NEXT IN PERSON MEETING IS:

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 21st, 2021

**FIRCREST POOL MEETING ROOM
545 CONTRA COSTA AVENUE
FIRCREST, WA 98466**

AN EMAIL FOR A ZOOM CALL WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED ONE WEEK BEFORE MEETING. LOOK FOR AN EMAIL FROM OUR COMMODORE, GARY MCVAY.



September Birthdays

2 Darryl Walker
2 Lee Jeffcoat
4 Michele Auset
7 Michele Millsap
8 Marty Hobbs
12 Mark Rosenkranz
14 Bob Shortt
17 Gary McVay
21 Mike Millsap

October Birthdays

2 Paul Olsen
3 Lizbeth McNeil
3 Tom Tinker
5 Angela Ford
16 Theresa Polus
21 Deborah Martin
26 Pam Spring
27 Tom Stow

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST (RETURNING) FYC MEMBERS THIS YEAR

Mike & Michelle Lawrence



Mike and I have been married for 33 years. We own two businesses one is Forklift Repair and the other is an Interior Design company. We have 2 grown children our son Ryan and our daughter Nicole. We have one grandson. We have been boaters for about ten years. Our first boat was an 18ft. Tahiti jet boat that was given to Mike. I loved the water but not when the boat porpoises as a small vessel does. We decided to get into boating

and took the Power Squadron Boating Course. Mike sold a classic muscle car to buy "Hannah J" a 32ft Bayliner to cruise around Puget Sound. She needed some updating, and we were eager to do them. We were first introduced to the Yacht Club by Jeff Down. The warmth and welcome we received was overwhelming. We joined the Yacht club. We loved the club events and the wealth of information we learned from fellow members. The friendships we developed then are still strong today.

When Mike decided he wanted a larger boat and diesel engines we sold "Hannah J" and upgraded to a 40 ft. Bayliner. We named it "Time for Us" as we are in the service industry. This one too needed some updating. We renovated. We enjoyed many cruises with the club and family on that vessel. After Mike's car accident, we thought we would give up boating and sold. Mike healed from his injuries, and I started my interior design business. Mike bought a wooden boat that we are restoring. In this process, we both decided we really want to get back to boating. It is our special time and place. We missed the water and the club. We love the spontaneity and many beautiful places to enjoy the water. Mike had always wanted 45' Bayliner because of its layout. We found one that we call a "rescue." It was in rough shape, but we could make it our own. We have been working on it for over 10 months. With the many delays and setbacks, it is still not finished. This will be "Time for Us" again. We are hoping to complete it before the end of this year. There is enough progress to go out on it. We have enjoyed a few cruises so far. We are grateful to the club for its warm welcome once again. We have missed you!



FIRCREST YACHT CLUB TO THE RESCUE!!!

While at Gig Harbor, Garry & Kim Weaver were staying at City Dock and having a great time with friends. Garry rescued an 18-year-old boy who had taken his grandfather's dinghy out (with permission from his grandfather) for a spin. Unfortunately, the boy was not experienced enough and when a strong wave hit the dinghy, the engine shifted sideways, and he lost power to the engine. He had no control and didn't know what to do and he began to drift.

He called his Grandfather for help. His Grandfather recognized our FYC burgees on our dinghy's as he knew past FYC members, so he approached us and asked if he could borrow a dinghy. Being the Friendliest Boat Club on the Water, he already knew we were a great club and hoped we could help him. Garry Weaver volunteered to take the boy's Grandfather to rescue his grandson who was at Tacoma Narrows when he called. By the time Garry and the boy's Grandfather got there, he had drifted at a rate of about 4 knots an hour and was at Chambers Bay Golf Course when they finally got to him! Boy was he and his grandson grateful to see us and meet our club. They got the engine upright and it ran perfectly so they headed back to Gig Harbor. Since poor Garry missed out on dinner with his FYC friends, the Grandmother provided Garry with a Lasagna dinner for all his trouble. Proving once again we truly are the Friendliest Boat Club on the Water!

Way to go FYC Member Garry Weaver!!! That good boating karma will come back to you ten-fold.

NEW SUMMER ADVENTURE IDEAS FOR FYC MEMBERS

Recently a group of FYC members (5 boats total) headed off on a boating adventure up to the San Juan Islands. Along the way they visited such places as La Conner, Blind Bay (anchoring), Deer Harbor Marina, Stuart Island (mooring buoys or dock if you're lucky enough to get one), Garrison Bay (anchoring), Roche Harbor and lastly Kingston Marina (where our Labor Day Cruise will be).

At Stuart Island it IS possible to get a dock to yourselves. The group was lucky enough to have that happen, so it was like a private party dock of just FYC Members! They have really nice docks in the middle of the bay. You can hike to the Schoolhouse or the Lighthouse. There are surprises along the way so you just have to go on the hike!!!

The Dock Master, Ray at Kingston is so kind and helpful to everyone. You will all appreciate him at the Labor Day Cruise!

Reciprocal Moorage at LaConner is awesome, not to mention the town. Their only requirement is that you pull into the farthest south area to dock and although the current flows through there, it isn't a problem, just tie your lines well.

Roche Harbor has hiking to the Mausoleum and the Sculpture Park, not to mention the street fair and food.

Yes, even Orcas were spotted off of Spieden Island, up close and personal because they surprised a group of 2 boaters and came within 20 feet of their boats. Normally whale watcher monitors rush out on their Zodiacs to tell you to stay as far away from Orcas as possible but when they surface unexpectedly, you just stop, admire their enormity and let them pass, and get a photo of course, if you can!

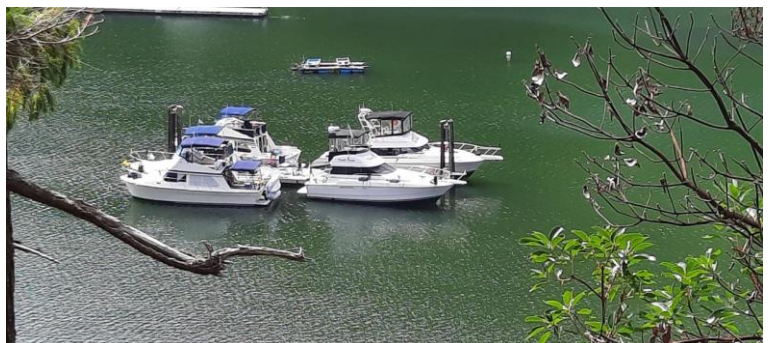
Hopefully these ideas inspire members to seek more sites and adventures in our lovely State of Washington by water! It's beautiful, fun to see and experience and nothing really beats seeing sights IN PERSON!

Roche Harbor - Mausoleum



Stuart Island

FYC was lucky to get a dock for 5 boats!



Sites & Adventures in Washington to See & Experience

Roche Harbor – Sculpture Park



Deception Pass
Bridge Under Renovation



Stuart Island - Great Hike to Schoolhouse



Orcas off of Spieden Island



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**Port Orchard Cruise Report
By Britney Latimer**

We had 9 spirited boats join us for our August Cruise in Port Orchard. There was no lack of yellow and green shirts as we enjoyed a Rolling Stones cover band Saturday evening at The Brick House for dinner.

Our dinghy decorating contest was wonderfully and predictably over the top. Marty and Leanne took home a free nights stay at Port Orchard for their FYC circus themed dinghy! I was honored to swear in returning members Mike & Michelle Lawrence and take a tour of their new boat (Time for Us). They also brought along potential new members (and their friends of 20 years!) Rob and Dina. Toni and Harry's grandkids, Joey and Piper, joined us and so did Tom Tinker's sister-in-law, Tori. It was great to see everyone catching up or making new friends on the dock and I heard great feedback about having a smaller, relaxed cruise. Thanks for coming out and letting your FYC spirit shine!

See Photos Below!

PORT ORCHARD CRUISE PHOTOS



2021 CRUISE SCHEDULE		
Date	Event	Hosts
Jan 19	Zoom Meeting 6:30 pm	N/A
Feb 12, 13, 14	Valentines Day Cruise-Dock Street(10 slips max confirmed)	No Host
Feb 15	Meeting @ TBD 6:30 pm	N/A
Mar 16	Meeting @ TBD 6:30 pm	N/A
Mar 27, 28, 29	March Madness Cruise - Arabella's (reserved) Room Fee	Cancelled-No Transient moorage
Apr 16, 17, 18	Daffodil Marine Festival @ Breakwater Marina & TYC	FYC Not officially participating
Apr 20	Meeting @ TBD 6:30 pm	N/A
Apr 23, 24, 25	Kick off Cruise-Port Orchard (10 spots)	Enders
May 18	Meeting @ TBD 6:30 pm	N/A
May 28, 29, 30, 31	Memorial Day Cruise - Brownsville (20 slips confirmed) waitlist	Latimers/Olsens
Jun 18, 19, 20	Longest Day Cruise@ Longbranch Marina	Enders
Jul 2, 3, 4	Fourth of July Cruise - Bell Harbor (slips reserved) - Must call & pay 1st night prior	Bouges
CANCELLED Jul 17	Longbranch 100th year Anniversary	NO HOST
Aug 13, 14, 15	Port Orchard Marina	Latimers
Sep 3, 4, 5, 6	Labor Day Cruise - Kingston (slips)	Olsens
Sep 21	Meeting @ TBD 6:30 pm	N/A
Oct. 1, 2, 3	October Cruise-Dock Street (slips)	
Oct 19	Meeting @ TBD 6:30 pm	N/A
Oct 29, 30, 31	Halloween Cruise - Des Moines	Martins/Walkers
Nov 16	Meeting @ TBD 6:30 pm	N/A
Nov 26, 27, 28	Leftovers Cruise to Arabella's Landing (slips available) Room Fee	
Dec 4	People with Disabilities Cruise - Volunteer Event Only	Lloyds
Dec 5	Holiday Party - Tacoma Yacht Club	FYC Board

FYC LABOR DAY CRUISE 2021

**FRIDAY 7PM - BRING HEAVY HORS D'OEUVRES TO SHARE
ON THE DOCK**

**SATURDAY 10:30 BRUNCH - CLUB PROVIDING MIMOSA'S
& BISCUITS/GRAVY
BRING SIDE DISH**

**2:30 - YARD BOWLING @ WALLACE PARK -
PRIZE TO WINNER**

**SATURDAY EVENING GO OUT OR STAY IN - ON YOUR OWN
FOR DINNER**

**SUNDAY - EXPLORE AND ENJOY KINGSTON. FOR MORE
INFORMATION
GO TO: VISITKITSAP.COM**

**SUNDAY AT 6:30 PIZZA ON THE DOCK - MENU WILL BE
AVAILABLE
AT CRUISE TO GET PREFERENCES FOR EVERYONE**

MONDAY - HAPPY LABOR DAY AND SAFE TRAVELS

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ASSIGNMENT**

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