

Fircrest Yacht Club Wavemaker May



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Hello Fircrest Yacht Club Members!

No matter what your views are of COVID-19, one thing is for sure, we are all affected by this virus as this pandemic runs through our community and the world. Our well-being which is impacted by both mental and physical condition, relies greatly on social interaction to positively influence it. We are confident none of us joined our social cruising club to be non-social! Many were hopeful the preventive measures/requirements of our State were going to be short term but as more is learned we have realized things will never be the same during or after this pandemic. Kristi and I have worked tirelessly in response to COVID-19 as health care workers and first responders and now will also work hard with our Board to explore steps to safely get our Club reconnected socially. Please reach out to each other just to say hello during this difficult time, social isolation affects everyone differently.

As we continue to navigate Governor Inslee's Stay at home, Stay healthy order that has been extended to May 31st, we must cancel our May 19th in person general meeting and our Memorial Day weekend cruise to Brownsville May 22-25 to remain compliant with his directive. Although many marinas are open, the ability for us to sponsor gatherings of more than five members outside of your household is prohibited through at least the end of May. Some of us were looking forward to representing the FYC at the South Sound Opening Cruise with the Des Moines Yacht Club May 8-10 which is also cancelled.

We are continuing to research bylaw updates and consistencies to propose to our Club. Once government offices and non-essential businesses fully re-open, we will complete our efforts for online FYC swag shopping at the new embroidery shop and process our business license to go with our now "not so" new Secretary of State nonprofit status.

All of us are at risk of exposure and illness from COVID-19. We ask each of you to keep following the guidelines for frequent hand-washing, social distancing, and staying at home (or on your home on the water!). We want to see ALL the FYC family back at our meetings and cruises as we figure out our new norm, together! Please feel free to reach out to YOUR Board with any questions, suggestions or comments.

Be safe!

Gary & Kristi

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- 7 Kim Weaver
- 9 Garry Finck
- 9 Shannon Olsen
- 19 Bill Jodway
- 26 Kevin Fleek

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Paige Stevens
- 15 Vicki Thompson
- 18 Emily Mielke
- 18 Keith McNeil
- 24 Kim Haverlock
- 26 Raelyne Walker
- 29 Cathie Lawrence
- 30 Jeff Down

FYC MAY CHECKBOOK BALANCE



Fircrest Yacht Club

Checkbook Balance as of 3/31/2020	\$ 10,252.97
Income	\$ 400.00
Expenses	\$ -
Checkbook Balance as of 4/30/2020	\$ 10,652.97



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What are ... THOSE GIANT GRAY SHIPS ON RUSTON WAY'S WATERFRONT?

BY JOANNA KRESGE

If you've driven down Ruston Way Tacoma, you've seen them; some may call them "Navy ships" or "those big gray boats." Whatever you call them, chances are you've probably stolen a sideways glance at the behemoth ships as you drive by, wondering what they are, why they're there, and what goes on inside of them.

The two boats that reside along Ruston Way just east of Tacoma's Chinese Reconciliation Park are twin sister ships S.S. *Cape Island* and S.S. *Cape Intrepid*. And contrary to what many believe, they do not belong to the U.S. Navy but to the Maritime Administration that falls under the U.S. Department of Transportation.

The Maritime Administration hosts a Ready

Reserve Force, which means they are on standby in the event that the government needs them, according to Kevin Tokarski, associate administrator for strategic sealift at the Maritime Administration. This means the ships can be activated and stocked with supplies for anything from hurricane relief to support of wartime operations.

The program is funded by appropriated funds from Congress through the National Defense Sealift fund.

The 10 crewmembers that currently work on the ships each day are managed by Crowley Technical Management. Their jobs are to keep the ships in perfect working order, and at the highest level of readiness.

"Think of it like your personal house: there's always


work to do at your house; it's like that on a ship too," Tokarski said. "There is always something to work on and maintain."

Tokarski says that the ships have been strategically placed in the Tacoma area.

"The ships are designated to be in a particular region to support the Department of Defense requirements," he said. "Those two ships are strategically located in close proximity to Joint Base Lewis-McChord as well as the commercial Port facilities in Seattle, Tacoma, and Olympia."

Tokarski says he is grateful to the community. "We know that there has been some folks that have complained about noise from the ships, so we have tried to work with those groups and we have adjusted our practices so we can be good neighbors," he said. "We

FACT SHEET:	
Year built	1976
Type of ships	Roll-on/roll-off vehicle carrier
Ship lengths	684.8 feet
Beams	102 feet
Mast heights	157.5 feet
Net tons	9,255 tons
Gross tons	30,852 tons
Cargo capacities	149,088 square feet
Engine types	Steam turbine
RRF max speeds	20.5 knots

find ways to work on noise abatement. We work on lighting so we are not obstructing people's view of the beautiful waterway there, and we also provide local notice before an exercise so that the community understands when the ship is getting underway." 

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2020 CRUISE SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Hosts
Jan 29	Meeting @ Johnny's at Fife 6:30 pm	N/A
Feb 14, 15, 16	Valentines Day Cruise-Dock Street(15 slips confirmed)	Fleek/Milsap/Ford
Feb 18	Meeting @ Johnny's at Fife 6:30 pm	N/A
CANCELED Mar 17	Meeting @ Johnny's at Fife 6:30 pm	N/A
CANCELED Mar 20, 21, 22	March Madness Cruise - Arabella's (15 reserved) Room Fee	Latimer
CANCELED Apr 17, 18, 19	Daffodil Marine Festival @ Breakwater Marina	Ruel-Stewart/Stow
CANCELED Apr 21	Meeting @ Johnny's at Fife 6:30 pm	N/A
CANCELED May 19	Meeting @ Johnny's at Fife 6:30 pm	N/A
CANCELED May 22, 23, 24, 25	Memorial Day Cruise - Brownsville (20 slips confirmed) Fee	
Jun 12, 13, 14	Longest Day Cruise@ Longbranch Marina	Enders/McVay
Jul 3, 4, 5	Fourth of July Cruise - Bell Harbor (20 slips reserved) Fee - Must call & pay 1st night prior	
Aug 7, 8, 9	Poulsbo Cruise (22 slips reserved) Fee	Haas / Wittmann
Aug 28, 29, 30	Kid's Cruise to Longbranch	Fairbanks
Sep 4, 5, 6, 7	Labor Day Cruise - Kingston (15 slips) Fee	
Sep 15	Meeting @ Johnny's at Fife 6:30 pm	N/A
Oct. 2, 3, 4	October Cruise-Dock Street (15 slips)	
Oct 20	Meeting @ Johnny's at Fife 6:30 pm	N/A
Oct 30, 31 Nov 1	Halloween Cruise - Des Moines - Fee	Martin/Co-Host welcome
Nov 17	Meeting @ Johnny's at Fife 6:30 pm	N/A
Nov 27, 28, 29	Leftovers Cruise to Arabella's Landing (15 slips available) Room Fee	
Dec 5	People with Disabilities Cruise - Volunteer Event Only	Kevin & Kathy Loyd
Dec 6	Holiday Party - Tacoma Yacht Club	FYC Board