

# Port Ludlow Yacht Club

## JIB SHEET

"There is one word which may serve as a rule for all one's life — reciprocity." - Confucius

### Commodore's Column

by Ken Emmes



Well, I started my year as your Commodore with a fabulous party at the Northwest Maritime Center in Port Townsend. Andi Pistay handed off the "Tiller" after drinks, dinner and recognizing the many members that make PLYC the great Yacht Club that it is. Thank you to the many members that made the trip to Port Townsend, and I hope that you enjoyed the evening as much as Christine and I did. Cathleen Blackburn did an outstanding job of coordinating and arranging the evening;

from the location, the decorations, the bartending, the food (appetizers and meal) to the DJ and dancing. I also want to thank Jeanne Joseph for her talent and wonderful painting she made of Bob and Andi Pistay's boat as a thank you gift for Andi's year as our Commodore.

The holiday time was celebrated with the annual Holiday Boat Lights and Appetizers provided by many of our members and the Port Ludlow Marina staff headed up by Kori Ward. Once again, the food was great, and the many members and friends of members swelled to what I think was a record setting attendance in the Wreck Room. Kori and her marina staff judged the boat lights and decorations in the marina and awarded Will and Sandy Litzler the prize for the best dressed boat for the Holidays.

Elizabeth Healy announced the final total for the Backpacks for Kids fund raiser, and a very generous amount collected of \$8,462! Making the Backpacks for Kids fundraiser an unqualified success, thanks to the many club members that have shown that we're not only a great yacht club, but a generous one as well. Elizabeth Healy, Ann Whipple, and Allison Leonard will be presenting the check to their board of directors on January 4<sup>th</sup> in Chimacum.

Many of us have already met and started the planning process for

### Coming Events!

#### Golf,

Wed, 1/3 @1300, PLYC Golf Course

#### Burgers & Dogs,

Wed, 1/3 @ 1700, WR

#### Grilled Cheese & Soup,

Sat 1/6 @ 1700, WR

#### Board Meeting,

Wed 1/10 @ 1430, WR

#### Catered Meal,

Wed 1/10 @ 1700, WR

#### Italian Potluck,

Sat 1/13 @1700, WR

#### Happy Hour & Appetizers,

Wed 1/17 @ 1700, WR

#### Lite Bites,

Sat 1/20 @ 1700, WR

#### Pizza & Birthdays,

Wed 1/24 @ 1700, WR

#### Chili Cookoff,

1/27 @ 1700, WR

#### Happy Hour & Appetizers,

Wed 1/31 @ 1700, WR

the 2024 Cruising season. As usual we'll kick off the season in late April with the "Wake Up Cruise" to Pleasant Harbor and then Alderbrook Resort and Spa followed in May with the Opening Day Festivities. Cathy Anderson and Doug Fett have outlined a long list of club cruises for the summer. Christine and I have started the planning process for the Commodores Cruise in mid-July and are headed to the San Juan Islands, Gulf Islands, Vancouver BC and ultimately the Sunshine Coast of BC.

As you read this Jib Sheet many of us will be taking our leave of the winter months in Port Ludlow and heading to the warmer and drier climate of the southwest. Christine and I will be off to Palm Desert and Arizona to see family and friends fortunate enough to have a second home in the sunny southwest. We'll be brushing up on our Pickle Ball skills, chasing a little white ball around the golf course and hiking on the many trails that abound in the desert around Palm Springs. But before we go, I'd like to remind the membership that your board of directors will be holding a chili cookoff at the Wreck Room on January 27<sup>th</sup>.



*Gift to Commodore Andi Pistay by artist Jeanne Joseph.*



*A close-up of Quest.*

## Rear Commodore's Column

by Rob Hamilton



Happy New Year to all. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. Teddy and I certainly did!

As you know, the Rear Commodore position is highly focused on education (both for PLYC members and me personally). With help, I am working on several activities and coordinating with the PLYC Women's Group to avoid duplication of topics or conflict of dates:

- Marine Exchange presentations: These are usually held on Wednesday afternoons before our Lite Bite meals. They cover a wide variety of boating topics of interest to our members. Once per month in fall, winter, and spring. I will be sending out a survey with a list of possible topics within the next few weeks.
- ABC3 Class: This is the basic introduction to boating class presented by our local Point Wilson Sail & Power Squadron. Topics cover both sail and power and include US Coast Guard navigational rules, anchoring, handling emergencies, using a VHF radio, trailering, operating a personal watercraft including kayaks, required equipment and WA state unique rules. Passing the course earns you the Washington State Boaters' Card. We are planning on offering it at PLYC in February on Mon & Tue evenings for two consecutive weeks. You may have family members that need a Boating Card. Watch for PLYC e-Blasts for this course.
- USPS Classes: One class each in spring and fall (usually 8 - 10 weeks/one class per week); They will be held at the Wreck Room on weekday evenings. I will conduct a survey with class descriptions and costs in February.
- Training Day: Scheduled for Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. We are changing the format this year based on suggestions from members. It will be held in the Wreck Room in the morning only. It will not include lunch, but coffee, tea and pastries will be provided. It is open to the public as in the past. We will be holding a practice flare shoot at 1:30 PM as well.

Contact me for more information or to register for classes or educational events.

Change of Watch: Thank you for returning the survey on this year's Change of Watch and how we might make it more attractive to you next year. We will use the feedback to plan a wonderful 2024 Change of Watch, which is scheduled for December 5<sup>th</sup>, location t.b.d.

## PLYC Officers

### Commodore

**Ken Emmes** [Send Email](#)

### Vice Commodore

**Dale Blackburn** [Send Email](#)

### Rear Commodore

**Rob Hamilton** [Send Email](#)

### Past Commodore

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### Port Captain

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### Bar Manager

**Bob Pistay** [Send Email](#)



## Vice Commodore's Column

by Dale Blackburn



I am happy to be your new Vice Commodore for 2024! I am primarily responsible for Wreck Room operations, including the planning and organizing of Wreck Room events.

Cathleen and I moved to Port Ludlow in 2020 after living in the Seattle area for 25+ years and joined PLYC shortly thereafter. We purchased our third and final boat Fiddler, a 46' DeFever trawler, in 2013, the same year I retired from Federal service. Since then, I have focused, some may say obsessed, on boating related activities. I began keeping a blog (MVFiddler.com) of our cruising trips all over the Salish Sea, obtained a Merchant Mariner Credential (50T Masters), cruised to SE Alaska, and joined the Meydenbauer Bay Yacht Club in Bellevue. I served on the board of MBYC for three years; we recently resigned from that club. I volunteer as a State marine park host at Blake Island and as a Field Correspondent for the Waggoner Cruising Guide. I've written several articles for Waggoner and for the DeFever Cruisers Magazine. Okay, maybe obsessed is the right term.

For the coming year, Wreck Room events will be overseen by a newly formed Activities Committee which will take the place of the Lite Bites and Catering Coordinators. We will be having themed events, happy hours with appetizers, catered dinners, and more fresh ideas. There will be occasional potlucks, but for most other events food will be provided. We are also bringing back the monthly pizza/birthday celebrations. Besides pizza and cake for all, if your birthday is in that month, you will also receive a complimentary drink from the bar. We look forward to many fun events at the Wreck Room this year and hope to see you there!

## Secretary's Column

by Erik Leonard



We had our final 2023 board meeting on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:20 at the Wreck Room and over Zoom.

We read one new application:

- **Caitlin Langan**

Caitlin recently moved to Poulsbo from southern California. Please say hi to her when you meet them at club events.

We did second readings from last month's new applications and voted in the following new memberships:

- **Chris and Kathleen Harvey**
- **Tim and Cathy Loika**

Please welcome them to the club when you have the opportunity.

Most of the meeting covered setting up various and sundry details for the coming year.

- Revenues continued to meet expectations. Rent on the Wreck Room will go up from \$2310.00 to \$2354.00 per month. Audits were completed and will be recorded. Insurance has been paid. The rent for the reciprocal dock has gone up to \$3890.

- We are updating our list of MAST licensed bartenders.
- We are setting up tentative dates for next year's event. Most of these are set but will be announced later when we confirm a few more things.

The final meeting for the 2023 board was adjourned at 3:12.

The first 2024 board meeting was called to order at 3:14.

- We have investigated putting member pictures on the website, but there is not an easy way to do this through the MembershipWorks software.
- Along with the new WR lease and reciprocal dock pricing we will have a new budget for the coming year and officers are gathering that data.
- We have replaced the Lite Bites and Catering Coordinator positions with a committee. This should help spread the workload and offer better flexibility for people's travel schedule, etc.
- We applauded Cathleen Blackburn for her work on the Change of Watch event. We'll be sending out a questionnaire for the membership to get more feedback for next year.
- We reviewed holiday lights details, but that seems to have gone off well enough.

The meeting adjourned at 4:05.

## Communications Manager Column

by Greg Buscher

Welcome to PLYC! This month we are pleased to introduce new members Tim and Kathy Loika, and Chris and Kathleen Harvey. Start to get to know them here, then be sure to introduce yourselves to our newest new members!

### **Tim and Kathy Loika**

We have had vacation property in Jefferson County for over 40 years. After retiring from careers in education in Oregon, we moved to Port Ludlow permanently. Our sons and grandsons all live in the Seattle area so we can visit often. Tim has been boating, and building boats, all his life. Kathy started boating after marrying Tim. We've had several boats over the years including both sail and power. We sold our Meridian 411 a couple years ago, but after a stint between boats, we now own a Ranger Tug and are looking forward to cruising with the Club. We purchased our home in Port Ludlow two years ago and have gotten to know some wonderful neighbors who are PLYC mem-



bers and feel confident this Club is a good fit for us.

### **Chris and Kathleen Harvey**

Chris and Kathleen moved to Port Ludlow from Sacramento, CA in June of this year. Chris retired last year from the Sacramento Fire Department after a career as a fire Captain and paramedic. He is a wood worker and builds guitars and amplifiers. Kathleen owns her own landscape design business and is semi-retired. After learning more about the plants and soils of the Olympic Peninsula, she will likely begin to take on occasional clients. Kathleen is also a fine artist who does painting, sculpture, and collage work. She is a member of both the Port Ludlow Garden Club and Fine Arts League. Both Chris and Kathleen are musicians and play a variety of instruments. They are in a band which has toured in several countries, and they will be returning for a third tour of Japan in early 2024.



Chris grew up sailing Hobie Cats and other small sailboats on the lakes of the Sierra Nevada mountains and later in larger boats on San Francisco Bay. He has over 40 years' sailing experience. Kathleen began sailing with Chris in 2012 but has relatively little experience. Both Chris and Kathleen are taking sailing and sailing-related classes through the NW Maritime Center. They recently purchased a 1986 Catalina 30 which is moored in the Port Ludlow Marina.

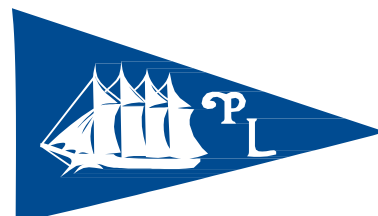
Chris and Kathleen have really enjoyed getting to know many of the people in PLYC and are looking forward to cruising and other activities in the coming years.



### **Property Officer**

by Lynn Buscher

Ship Store is continuing to sell out the remaining stock at huge, discounted pricing through the end of December. Have you had your eye on something... make me an offer when you see me at an event!



To have the PLYC logo added to your personal garments message the Property Officer at [Propcurr1@plyc.us](mailto:Propcurr1@plyc.us). Please let me know if you are looking for anything specific to appear in our ship store, we will try to feature it.



## Fleet Captains' Column

by Cathy Anderson



**Saturday, February 3 from 3:00-4:30 pm** Mark your calendars for the 2024 Cruise Kick Off Meeting at the Wreck Room and on Zoom. Each Cruise Director will give an overview of their cruise and speak about opportunities for land cruisers as well as those afloat. Additionally, there are opportunities to add cruises in September so feel free to contact Cathy Anderson, Fleet Captain at [fleetcapt1@plyc.us](mailto:fleetcapt1@plyc.us) - or - Doug Fett, Sail Captain at [sailcapt1@plyc.us](mailto:sailcapt1@plyc.us) with your ideas.

Thanks to Marti Hands for her role as cruise director for the 2023 December Bell Harbor Cruise. Five boats and twelve boaters got together to create some fun memories and enjoy great food and beverages in the downtown Seattle waterfront area.













## Sail Captain Column

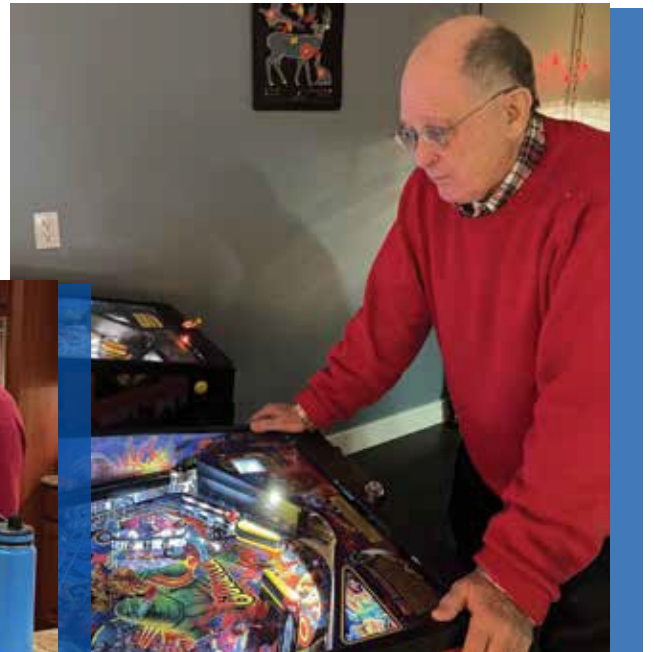
by Doug Fett



The holiday season always includes getting together with family and friends. This year we enhanced it by throwing in the sailor end-of-year party around the same time as the yacht club's holiday party and the COW, so it has been one heck of a partying month!

Carole and I hosted, and twenty of us sailors enjoyed ugly sweaters, food, drink, games and most importantly, good memories and friendship. There was a charcuterie board, followed by beef bourguignon, some great salads and a dessert board. After dinner we had a few competitions on the pool table, ping pong table, pinball machines and dart board. We forgot to crown the champions, but James took pinball, and it was clear that Fred was not the dart champ! It was great sharing the evening with good friends.

I hope everyone's holiday season went well, and here's to a fantastic 2024!  
Happy New Year everybody!





## Port Captain's Column

by Martin DeYoung



Happy New Year! May your 2024 boating and travel adventures yield plenty of fun and sea stories.

The Holiday Lights Celebration was a huge success owing to the hard work of the many chefs, supervisors, volunteers, the marina staff, and the lighted boat competition participants. The Wreck Room was filled to capacity with members, guests, marina staff, and competitors.

The lighted boat judged to be the winner was Calliope, Will and Sandy Litzler. PLYC was well represented with 11 of the 18 registered participants. Kori Ward, Port Ludlow Marina Director handed out the winner's gift certificate and lovely

Christmas tree ornaments to the participants.

Leading up to the Celebration, Kori and I briefly discussed the history of the Holiday Lights Celebration, the lighted boat competition, and the lighted boat parade. Kori recalled that around 20 years ago the celebration was a smaller event with only participants attending. (Maybe held at the Bay Club?) I would appreciate it if any members recalled additional details about the origins of the lighted boat celebration and parade they would contact me. It would be great to share some of the event history at the 2024 Holiday Lights Celebration.

I am working on updating PLYC's Reciprocal privilege relationship information, both on the YachtDestinations web site and the PLYC printed directory. It would be great to hear if any members had good or less good reciprocal experience or knows of a yacht club that should be considered for addition.

The long winter nights are perfect for some "hot stove league" type voyage/cruise planning. The YachtDestinations web site map (click on the "destinations" tab) is a great tool for trip planning. Reciprocal yacht clubs are shown geographically. When a desired club is selected switch to the "details" tab to look up that club's contact information.

In the Nov/Dec 2023 Windcheck Magazine (Chesapeake Bay area, great web site) there is an entertaining poem that captures the basic "rules of the road". Originally penned by Captain Eldridge nearly 150 years ago, this old sea ditty is still a good reminder of how best to avoid awkward boat to boat interactions while underway.

## **Women's Group Fundraiser: WOW!**

by Liz Healy

Our Backpacks for Kids fundraiser was an unqualified success. Thanks to your generous donations, we collected \$8,462!

Anne Whipple, Allison Leonard, and I are thrilled that, once again, so many PLYC members have shown that we're not only a great yacht club, but a generous one as well.

We'll be presenting the check to Susan Mahler and other Backpacks board members on Thursday, January 4, the first packing day after the holiday break.

Here's how our donations will help: \$11 feeds a kid for a weekend so we could feed 769 kids; \$44 feeds a kid every weekend for a month so we could feed 192 kids; and \$440 feeds a kid every weekend for a full school year so we could feed 19 kids!

Thank you again for your generosity and kindness. Happy New Year!

## **PLYC Past Commodore Guest Column**

by Andi Pistay



Happy New Year!!! What a year it's been.

If you didn't come to Change of Watch, we missed you and your energy, I'm sure you would have had fun.

Having been your commodore in 2023, I want to say Thank You for a wonderful year, and we could not have done it without you. I know that our new Commodore, Ken Emmes and Dale Blackburn (Vice Commodore) and Rob Hamilton (Rear Commodore) will have many great things in store for our club. Remember to support them as you did for me.

Rumor is that there will be a New Year's Day watch party for the Huskies at the club.... Stay tuned.

Now that we have passed the winter solstice, days are getting longer. It's time to start working on our boats, golf game and of course pickleball games. So, here's to a wonderful 2024!



## Change of Watch 2023

December 7, 2023

The annual event at the Northwest Maritime Center in Port Townsend was another memorable one when Commodore Pistay passed the tiller to our 2024 Commodore Ken Emmes. Several members were recognized for their support and service to the club in addition to other notable accomplishments. We were honored to welcome six additional past Commodore's that evening. More photos can be found on our website Photo Gallery.





Change of Watch 2023







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## PLYC Adventurer Guest Column

by Tim Rogers

### Yelapa Haiku

Birds and nightmare words: on  
learning a new language

#### **The Nightmare of Language Learning.**

When learning a new language, we are often confronted with too many new words. Certainly, in a Latin-based language there are too many VERBS. Picture a scene from the movie "The Birds" (THE VERBS) as they attack from all sides with their beaks plunging through the walls of our intellect until they terrorize us into understanding. And conjugations... yikes... not to mention "irregular verbs" which are enough to make anyone irregular. These are the nightmares I now suffer with.

So, on I go, plodding behind the  
power curve of fluency,

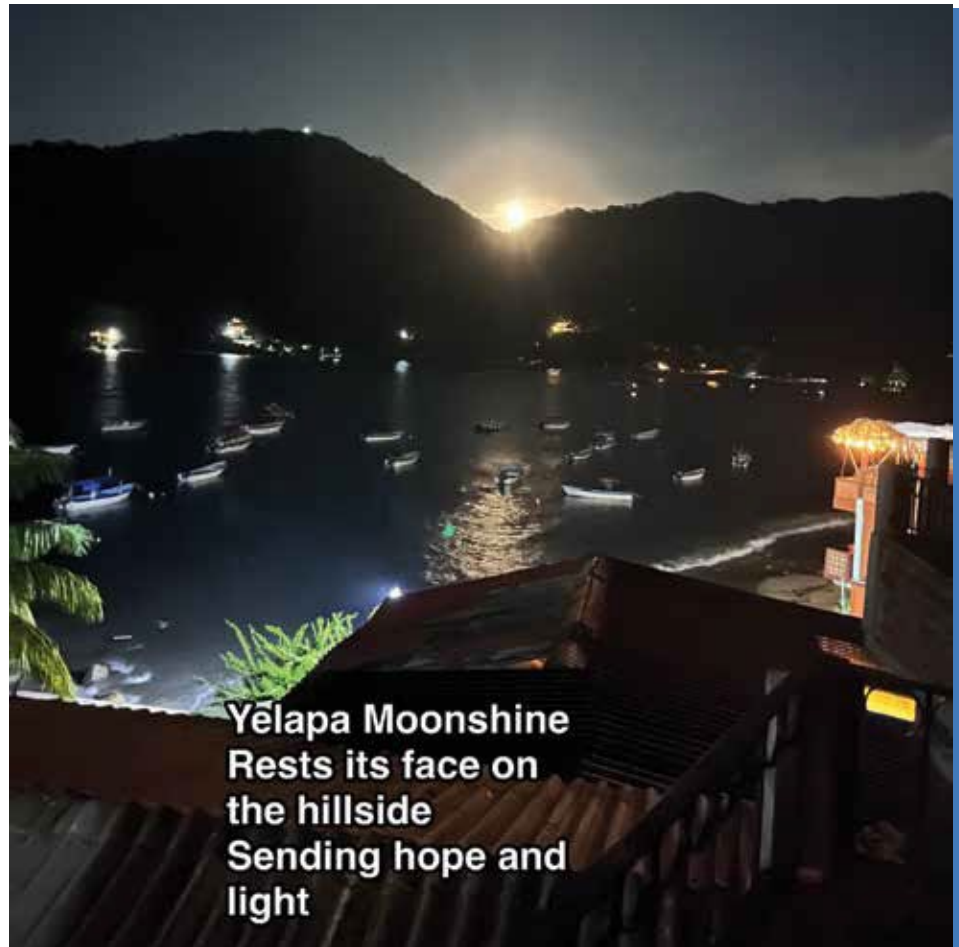
And I am blessed with a tutor/partner who patiently assists me on my stumbling path to understanding Espanol.

So, I plod on, dazed, and confused, while the past and future tense intimidate me so thoroughly that I remain in the present at all times. Someday I will leap into that murky future/past place and not be stuck in the "now" but not for a while.

As for "the NOW" our day begins with the sun creeping up the hill to the west in this pleasant harbor in which we find ourselves. We sit on the patio roof, drink our coffee, and watch the harbor awaken. Roosters crow, birds squawk, Pangas head out to sea to fish or depart to pick up passengers in Puerto Vallarta to transport them to this beautiful spot that can only be reached via water taxi.

And we sit quietly, not a lot of words required, certainly no verbs and definitely no irregular verbs, content with each other, content with "NOW".

Tim and Gai





## Holiday Lights At The Wreck Room

Dec. 16, 2023

Congratulations to Will and Sandy Litzler who won the prize for Best Decorated Boat voted on and awarded by Kori Ward and the marina staff! Thanks to the wonderful chefs and volunteers who made our end of year event a fantastic one! More photos are available on our website in the Photo Gallery.





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Dec. 16, 2023





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## **PLYC Member Discounts**

**Get the most out of your PLYC membership by accessing the following discounts.**

### **Reciprocal Privileges:**

Guest moorage at reciprocal yacht club slips throughout the Puget Sound and western Canada.

Land Cruisers have access to reciprocal yacht club dining facilities.

See the PLYC Directory and Website for complete listings.

Show your membership card

### **Port Ludlow Marina:**

10% discount on all store items

Discount on Fisheries Supply when ordered through PL Marina

Admiral Ship Supply in Port Townsend – show membership card

### **BoatUS:**

Link to Boat US:

[Boat US](#)

[Membership Application](#)

[Renewal Application](#)

PLYC Group Membership #: GA84973B

\$25 annual membership when you enter the PLYC group # above

10% off unlimited towing membership

**Fisheries Supply** – variable discount – show membership card

### **Doc's Marina Grill**

Port Townsend & Bainbridge

15% discount Sunday –Thursday. Food Only. Show your membership card

10% Discount on entrees on Friday & Saturday



## Boater's Information Links

### 48 North - Winterizing Checklist

<https://48north.com/boats-and-gear/winterizing-checklist/>

### Boats US

<https://www.waterwayguide.com/>

**Canadian Hydrographic Service Tides & Currents:** <https://charts.gc.ca/publications/tables-eng.html> I used Volume 5 and 6 for trips into Canadian waters, especially helpful for areas of rapids, Dodd Narrows and Malibu Rapids.

**Cruisers & Sailing Forums** (great resource for research on many boating topics)

<https://www.cruisersforum.com>

### Maritime Force Protection Unit Bangor

[https://www.pacificarea.uscg.mil/Portals/8/District 13/lib/doc/factsheet/MFPU Bangor.pdf?ver=2018-10-05-161322-827](https://www.pacificarea.uscg.mil/Portals/8/District%2013/lib/doc/factsheet/MFPU%20Bangor.pdf?ver=2018-10-05-161322-827)

### Mill Bay Marine Group: <https://www.mbmgroup.ca/>

A number of the marinas visited to and from Princess Louisa Inlet are members of this group. The website lists activities, lodging, dining, and boat repair services available.

### NOAA Marine Weather Forecast

[https://www.wrh.noaa.gov/total\\_forecast/getprod.php?prod=XXXCWFSEW&wfo=SEW](https://www.wrh.noaa.gov/total_forecast/getprod.php?prod=XXXCWFSEW&wfo=SEW)

**Paper Charts:** (as back up for circa 1990 Raymarine Chartplotter) Canadian Waters: Chart #'s 3477, 3512, 3513, & 3515. Purchased these at the Chandlery in Nanaimo, B.C. - was able to order over the phone for pickup at a later date. They list available charts on their website.

### Ports and Passes: <https://portsandpasses.com/> -

Coverage from Olympia WA to Glacier Bay AK, its good for U.S. waters and for double checking your math on pass current times.

**Pump-out Nav App** - locates closest pump-out stations. Check your app store for this free application.

### Recreational Boaters: \$20 annual fee

<https://www.rbaw.org/>

### Recreational Boating Association of Washington (RBAW)

Information on key 2022 Legislative and Regulatory Priorities

<https://rbaw.org/Legislative-issues>

### Salish Sea Pilot

<https://salishseapilot.com/covid-19-closures/>

### US Coast Guard Vessel Documentation Changes - Five Year Certification Plan

[https://www.boatus.com/news-room/release/us-coast-guard-changes-certificate-of-document?utm\\_source=blog&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=magazine](https://www.boatus.com/news-room/release/us-coast-guard-changes-certificate-of-document?utm_source=blog&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=magazine)

US Power Squadron Flag Etiquette

[https://www.usps.org/f\\_stuff/etiquett.html#y-c-burgee](https://www.usps.org/f_stuff/etiquett.html#y-c-burgee)

VHF Radio Safety Checks

<https://gcaptain.com/marine-safety-alert-performing-a-vhf-marine-radio-check/>

**Waggoner's Guide - Latest Information on Canada/US Borders, Marinas, Marine Parks & Other Destinations.** Used to identify marinas in both U.S and Canadian Waters

<http://waggonerguide.com/>

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