

# JYC HAILER

April 2011

JUNEAU YACHT CLUB

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## Commodore's Wheelhouse

by Budd Simpson, 2011 Commodore

JYC has several fun events coming up in April and May. You might want to mark your calendars.

First, this month's meeting and dinner will be this Tuesday, April 19. The speaker will be Assemblyman Johan Dybdahl, and the subject is Icy Strait Point, the old Point Sophia Cannery in Hoonah, which is also the destination for our June JYC group cruise. JYC members have a special invitation to visit ISP on June 11, the same day they will be running an Allen Marine catamaran over from Juneau. The facilities will be open for our members, and we should even be able to use their private dock. Mr. Dybdahl will describe the facilities and what's in store for those of us who can participate.

Last week's JYC Social Hour was especially well-attended. Word seems to have gotten out that there might be some food involved, and a number of additional members turned up to check it out. Thanks to Erica Simpson who prepared a big batch of 7-Layer dip, which was totally consumed by the crowd.

The final event for the month is "Spring Help Day," scheduled for Saturday, April 30. We will have sign-up sheets at this month's dinner meeting, with columns for people needing a hand, and people willing to lend a hand, on boat projects (no yard work or gutter cleaning allowed). I suggest if you sign up in the "help wanted" column, you should also volunteer in the "lend a hand" column, just for balance. This should be a great opportunity to get a few projects done that one person just can't do. Please see Power Squad Captain Bob Clasby's article in this month's Hailer. Your Commodore suggests that if your project involves replacing D-8 batteries, you find a couple of young folks to help.

In May there are several extra JYC events. The Social Hour will be on Wednesday, May 4 which is a change from the regular schedule due to a rental of the Club on Thursday night. The dinner meeting is on Tuesday, May 17, the regularly scheduled date. May 7 is the annual Fisherman's Memorial event and blessing of the fleet on the downtown waterfront. Afterwards, a flotilla from JYC will depart for Taku Harbor and the spring shakedown cruise and rendezvous. Sunday May 8 is Mothers' Day, so be sure to plan accordingly.

## ***This Month***

### Menu—April 19

**Southern Chopped Barbecue  
Cole Slaw**

**Honey Sweet Potatoes & Rolls  
Dessert: Strawberry Trifle**

### Program

**Assemblyman Johan Dybdahl  
Presentation on Icy Strait Point**

### Food Committee – April 19

Tracy and Don Kubley--Chairs  
Lee and Marilyn Coffman  
Dale Cornell  
Jim Shine  
Steve Soenksen  
James Wycoff  
Art and Juno Chance  
Kevin Jardell

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The following weekend, Saturday May 14, is the JYC Swap & Sell event. This has become a popular activity for members and civilians alike. For \$25 you can rent a table inside the clubhouse, or a space outside to park a boat for sale.

A final note on ongoing projects: Please be sure to take a look at the new glass table tops and charts in the Graham Room—they really look nice. The Board has arranged for replacement of the old underground oil tank; and we have just ordered a new Vulcan double commercial oven for the kitchen crew's benefit. We are getting a bid to repair some minor roof damage from snow this winter, and the Board continues to review options for other improvements around the clubhouse. As always, the Board invites members' feedback on any and all club issues.

As a final reminder, some members still haven't renewed their membership by getting their \$50/per year dues in to the Treasurer. Please do so now while you have it in mind.

Sincerely,

*Budd Simpson,*  
Commodore

## 2011 - BOARD of DIRECTORS

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### JYC Hailer Cruising Log

by Budd Simpson, Commodore JYC

**Keku Strait and Rocky Pass** - , Last summer I found myself with a legitimate business reason to visit Craig, on Prince of Wales Island (POW). I decided to take the Glacier Bear instead of flying, since I felt there was a better chance of bagging some kings and halibut from the boat, and the season was prime for both species.

Craig is on the west or outer coast of POW, and in planning the trip I saw there are three possible routes from Juneau. All begin with a southbound run via Stephens Passage into Frederick Sound. From there, you can head southeast toward Petersburg and pick your way through Wrangell Narrows, then jog back to the west through Sumner Strait. This route adds around 30 miles to the run.

A second option is to turn westward and make the run down Chatham Strait. This route is more direct, only about 10 miles longer than choice #3, but exposes you to some potential heavy weather in Chatham Strait and an open ocean passage after you clear Baranof Island.

The third choice, and the one I went with, is through Keku Strait and Rocky Pass. This is the narrow and shallow pass that divides Kuiu and Kupreanof Islands, and the most direct of the three routes. I had several different cruising guides for Southeast Alaska, and each had different advice on Rocky Pass, ranging from "Unmarked, do not attempt without local knowledge," to "No problem if you pay attention and go at high water." It appeared that the navigational aids have been inconsistent over the years, and certain places may or may not have been dredged, depending on who you ask.

I asked a commercial fisherman friend from Kake, who reported something closer to the "No problem" version, as long as you catch the tide at the right time. Then he proceeded to provide detailed instructions on navigating through the aptly-named Devil's Elbow and Summit sections of the Pass.

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**Membership:** The Juneau Yacht Club has a membership of more than 200 in seven states (AK, AZ, FL, MD, MT, NV, and WA) as well as British Columbia and the Yukon Territory, Canada.

### JYC Hailer Cruising Log (cont).

To make a long story shorter, if you (a) get NOAA Chart # 17372; and (b) have a decent up-to-date GPS chart plotter; and (c) a decent depth sounder; and (d) pay attention to what all of the above are telling you—then any competent skipper can navigate his vessel through Rocky Pass.

Rocky Pass is well-marked and not as shallow as the Mendenhall Bar. It is about the same length as Wrangell Narrows or the narrow part of Peril Strait, but much narrower and shallower than either of those. You want to make the passage at close to high slack tide, but because it will take a couple of hours to go through, you need to enter at either end to be at the Summit at peak tide.



### NOTEWORTHY

- Members are reminded that information and resources are available on our website - <http://juneauyachtclub.com>, including free Classified Ads and advertising.
- JYC is now a member of the Yachting Club of America.
  - The YCA website is [www.ycaol.com](http://www.ycaol.com)  
User ID = club1040, password =y100446c
- Membership is \$50 per year (per adult member). Memberships are due in January.
- Members are encouraged to bring in a framed picture of their boats so we can continue to add to the number of pictures in the club.
- Rental Agent:
  - Ms. Erica Simpson  
Phone: 586-2911  
Cell: 723-2860

# Juneau Yacht Club

***“Promoting boating and marine recreational activities in Southeast Alaska.”***

- Organized voice for boating
- Programs about marine interests
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- Newsletter and website
- Reciprocity at hundreds of yacht and sailing clubs nationally with current membership card
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- Free monthly issues of “Northwest Yachting” and “Sailing” magazine; available at the club
- Discount on Boat/U.S. membership
- Sailing, boating, and social activities throughout the year
- A primary sponsor of Juneau Youth Sailing and Juneau’s Sea Scout program
- Monthly Socials (members and guests only)
- Monthly Club dinners (Sep – May)

**The Yacht Club is available to rent for special events or business meetings.**

**Our website:**

**[juneauyachtclub.com/](http://juneauyachtclub.com/)**

**MONTHLY SOCIALS:** First Thursday of the month 17:00-19:00 hrs.

## **JYC CRUISING 2011**

### **REMINDERS**

*by Bob Clasby, Captain, Power Squadron*

Saturday, April 30 is Help Day. Signup sheets for those needing assistance in getting their boat ready for the season and those willing to help will be available at the dinner meeting.

The following Saturday, May 7, will be a shakedown cruise to Taku Harbor. Those who are interested in participating in the cruise please let me know via email; [bclasby@gci.net](mailto:bclasby@gci.net). If there is enough interest, perhaps I can organize a pot luck to the evening repast.

During the month of May, I hope to compile a cruising email list that I can use to send out periodic email blasts letting folks know about fellow members cruising plans. If you would like to be on such a list, let me know via the above address.

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**2011 Club Dues:** Treasurer, Chris Donek, would like all dues paid this month. Dues will remain at \$50 per adult member and we will continue to waive the initiation fee. Name tags will “support” a silver star this year to indicate 2011 membership

### **Welcome New Members:**

*Mark Vinsel, Juneau  
Karl & Gale Vandor, Juneau  
Tom Dawson, Juneau  
Douglas & Jackie Ward, Juneau  
Paul & Mary Maas, St Petersburg, FL*

## **Food Committees**

### **January--1/18/11**

Tom and Tish Satre--Chairs  
Dick and Pam Knapp  
Marjorie Quisenberry  
Carol Young  
Melora Gaber  
Nora Laughlin  
Marjorie Menzie and Bill Heumann  
Sharon Kelly

### **February--2/15/11**

Harold and Beverly Moeser--Chairs  
Greg Fisk  
Ron and Julie Flint  
Gaylen and Dotty Brevik  
Judy and Rudy Ripley  
Jay and Jane Ginter  
Wade Rogers and Patricia Mason  
Chip and Missy McMillan

### **March--3/15/11**

Laraine and Romer Derr--Chairs  
Jack and Liv Cadigan  
Bev and Larry Schutt  
Jim Mahan and Annette Coggins  
Jim and Mary Becker  
Bruce and Barbara Lobdell

### **April--4/19/11**

Tracy and Don Kubley--Chairs  
Lee and Marilyn Coffman  
Dale Cornell  
Jim Shine  
Steve Soenksen  
James Wycoff  
Art and Juno Chance  
Kevin Jardell

### **May--5/17/11**

Todd and Jodie Buck--Chairs  
Shari and Noel Grant  
Rosemary Hagevig  
Bev Ward and Brian Reeve  
Anita Statter  
Bud and Carolyn Palmer  
John Stone and Nicki Germain  
Paul Grant  
Jack Brandt  
Paul Grossi

### **September--9/20/11**

Lawrence Lee Oldaker and Linda Blefgen--Chairs  
Ken and Barbara Gehring  
Del and Connie Carnes  
Brenda Hewitt and Tom Nelson  
Stuart Hallam  
Kyle Mathers

### **October--10/18/11**

Kurt and Zrinka Dzinich--Chairs  
Gary and Marg Hedges  
Barb Greening and Irl Palmer  
Pete and Mary Claire Bernstein  
Dave and Pat Carnes  
Michael and Talitha Lukshin  
Duane Gates

### **November--11/15/11--Bring Toys for Tots**

Dean Rasmussen and Nancy Davis--Chairs  
Mary Goode  
Bob Varness  
Paul Sargent and Rose Matt  
Chuck Cohen  
Bill Forman  
Mark Hunt

### **December--12/20/11--Food Baskets**

Laraine and Romer Derr--Chairs  
Andrea and Bob Doll  
Bob and Pat Clasby  
Phil and Deborah Smith  
Chris and Tom Donek  
Paulette and Budd Simpson

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**Telephone Committee:**

Zrinka Dzinich--Chair  
Dotty Brevik  
Melora Gaber  
Judy Ripley  
Philip Smith

### **Graham Room Host/Hostess:**

Kurt Dzinich  
Zrinka Dzinich



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## Event Reminders:

- Tuesday, April 19, 2011 – JYC Monthly Meeting and Program. Social hour begins at 1800 hours
- Tuesday, May 3, 2011 – Board of Directors Meeting 1700 hours. Graham Room
- Wednesday, May 4, 2011) – JYC Monthly Social (1700-1900 hours) Graham Room (note the change this month from Thursday).
- Visit [www.juneauyachtclub.com](http://www.juneauyachtclub.com) for details on all the club's activities.