



Welcome to Navy Yacht Club Everett (NYCE)

General Membership Meetings (GMM)

General Membership Meetings are held monthly on the 3rd Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Everett (2913 West Marine Drive, Everett WA) (except for July and August when we are out cruising). Information and specific details for each meeting can be found on the Calendar tab on this website by clicking on the meeting of interest. These meetings serve a variety of purposes. The meetings are scheduled to follow our board meetings, so the first order of business is to provide an overview to the members on general information that may have come from the board meeting and any actions that may have been voted on. Usually, the programs will have a guest speaker who will provide information to the members on something relevant to cruising, water safety, boat maintenance, etc. Each meeting also has a potluck dinner theme (plates, utensils and napkins provided). Members are asked to bring a dish to share to support the theme and, of course, a reminder to BYOB (bring your beverages; coffee is always available). The Club provides the state permit for your alcoholic beverages should you desire to partake. A typical timeline for our meetings:

1830 (6:30pm) - Social ½ hour

1900 (7:00pm) - Potluck Dinner

1945 (7:45pm) - Business Meeting

2000 (8:00pm) – Program

Meeting usually wrap up between 9:00 and 9:30 pm.

Finally, Navy Yacht Club Everett is a very active cruising and social club. GMMs are a great time to meet new members and socialize with those in the club.

Cruising with NYCE From the Fleet Captain, welcome aboard!

As a first-time participant I would like to offer some information that I wish I had been given before our first cruise. If any of this is redundant, I apologize.

One of my tasks as Fleet Captain is to present the annual cruise plan to our board for approval. Once that is done I establish contact with all of the marinas we will be visiting and make initial arrangements for our cruise which includes reservations for slip space and the use of various amenities. With this task done I then proceed to recruit a Cruise Captain for each port of call

from those who signed up to attend the cruise. The Cruise Captain then takes over to coordinate the details of the cruise and then communicates their plan to all those who signed up.

Pending details from the Cruise Captain I thought you might be interested in what a "typical" NYCE weekend cruise usually flows like:

Friday

Vessels arrive (NYCE VHF contact usually available on CH 78A). If you haven't been assigned a slip, the Cruise Captain or Marina Office will direct you at that time. Dock hands are usually available to assist as desired.

Happy Hour (on-the-dock): BYOB / beverages and an appetizer to share.

BYO plates and utensils to Happy Hours and Potlucks

Dinner on your own (if needed after Happy Hour appetizers).

Saturday

Sometimes a "light" continental breakfast on-the-dock, sometimes more elaborate. Always a pot of coffee.

Hikes, tours, visits, shopping depending on the Port of Call and your desires.

Happy Hour sometimes complete with contests, puzzles or games.

Dinner can be a "potluck", a BBQ, a local eatery, or left up to you.

Sunday

Sometimes a "light" continental breakfast on-the-dock.

Vessels depart for home when desired.

We can't emphasize enough that any and all activities are at your discretion. It's your weekend cruise to enjoy as you like.

NYCE Cruising in a "narrative nutshell"

During the day, apart from scheduled activities, everyone is pretty much on their own. You'll find some members go shopping (we have some very passionate shoppers), some go for walks around (especially our dog owners and we have a bunch); a few go for a bike ride or dinghy ride, and most of the others just chill out. There is often a lot of visiting other boats for sea story telling or comparing hobby information, or sometimes checking out and testing a newly installed electronic or mechanical goodie. Some of us are loners except during the social times;

others seem to be visiting the whole time, and all in between these two extremes. A few of us are big on naps too, so if you come knocking on a bulkhead, don't be surprised to see a sleepy head arise from the couch! Some folks are great about inviting others to go shopping or walking or browsing with them, and others do stuff on their own. It all works, and then we compare stories at the gatherings.

A few like to find a church on Sunday morning too. We don't always do potluck cocktails or potluck dinners, but when we do we have some great cooks and preparers of fine tastes and of course everyone is expected to contribute something. Some members like to get early starts on departures and others take their time in leaving on the last day. So, do your own thing and enjoy the cruise.

Now go to the cruise sign-up page and get cruising.

Geri and I look forward to meeting you and getting to know you.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email or call.

Welcome again to NYCE cruising.