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From The Helm

A huge thank you to Cindi and Joe Barnes for their publishing of our Knot News letter and I wish them well in the next adventure they undertake. And now on to Spencer who has graciously accepted the job. Thanks, Spencer.

We can all help by letting Spencer know what's happening at the club and what the racers and cruisers are up to. These are the articles our members like to see and read so please contribute. Maybe you have seen something in one of the boating magazines or in the paper that you think will be important just let Spencer know. I also think if you have a favorite recipe that you use on the boat that you would like to share let us know too.

It seems summer is just about over and, Jim and I have not been out sailing as much as he would like it seems work gets in the way. Not to mention that last weekend we took off to Cheney to watch the Seahawks Training Camp. Just a little out of the way for the boat. And then on the 12th we take off for Depoe Bay. Well, fall is a great time to sail anyway, the traffic out on the water is better!!!

Remember even if you are not asked please volunteer for the bar on Fridays and Saturday nites. Enjoy the rest of summer!!
Liz O'Neill, Commodore



AYC Lore of Years Gone Bye

Excerpt from AYC Bulletin March 1972: HELP! As a result of "free" drinks at AYC headquarters during our recent Rosario weekend, we need \$70 to replenish our bar supplies. It would be greatly appreciated if those who consumed AYC drinks that weekend would make a quick contribution to the bar fund. Those interested, please send...
by Dick Werner
(*Did they get the money, Dick? Yuk, Yuk ed*)

2001, A PUB ODYSSEY

by Brenda Cheaqui

Imagine 10 straight days of blue sky as clear as crystal, perfect temperatures, soft breezes, some of the most beautiful harbors in the San Juan and Gulf Islands, and 80 degree sea water. If you were on this year's Pub and Gourmet Cruise, you weren't imagining things (except for the part about 80 degree water).

Opportunities for making and deepening friendships abounded with 22 (no, not a misprint) boats and one pair of land cruisers participating at one time or another, including two boats from the Deception Pass Power Squadron. Six boats made the entire cruise.

The cruise began on the evening of June 29 at Garrison Bay, where the Thomsons grilled oysters at the hors d'oeuvres/captain's meeting on shore. As three boaters put their kayaks in the water, Dean Emery stood by, camera at the ready, hoping for an opportunity to record candidates for the Rubber Ducky award. His hopes were dashed by the skilled and graceful paddlers. On Saturday morning there was plenty of time for hiking to the top of the hill before pressing on to...

Sidney. The (temporarily, they hope) boatless Cheaquis arrived by ferry to board Friendship for the rest of the cruise. The perfect weather made appys, drinks and dinner outside at the Rumrunner a real treat. Canada Day celebrations started Saturday morning with the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast, followed by a terrific parade. Then there was time for shopping or a side trip to Victoria. The evening was capped by a fireworks display easily visible from the boats. On Monday morning the Kiwanis were again flipping pancakes, and merchants were setting up a sidewalk sale full of bargains. Unfortunately, there wasn't time to stay for the Make-A-Boat races, as we headed out for...

Montague. Some boaters saw a pod of Orcas on the way, but there were far fewer whales than there

were boats watching them. There was plenty of time for a hot hike along the beach in the Provincial Park before catching the Hummingbird Express, which had to schedule an extra run to get all 37 of us there. Alas, the zany singing driver of previous years has been succeeded by a calmer fellow, but the Fats Domino tapes were still on board. The long wait for dinner was enlivened by Charlie Drake winning the raffle for a Hummingbird T-shirt. The next morning there were calm seas for the journey to...

Maple Bay. After a happy hour at the shelter, Maury & Helene Fink won a box of honey in the impromptu "boat poker run." It's hard to beat five aces. At the Pub, a good dinner was served by va-va-voom waitress with a Julia Roberts smile. She probably had a good tips night, judging by comments from some of the guys. The next morning, a good breakfast was available at the Quarterdeck shelter, followed by a cribbage tournament between Bill Short, Bruce and Cynthia Backlund, and Greg Pankau. Bill topped Cynthia by one point for the championship and all the glory attached, but no trophy. Then the weather was good for sailors, but not a problem for the power boaters, on the way to...

Genoa Bay. Once there, Maury and Helene invited others to board Dissipated Charlie for a ride over to Cowichan to check out the Wooden Boat museum and gather information about upcoming Thunderbird sailboat races there. Back at Genoa, Marcia, Helene, Brenda and Cynthia broke out the kayaks again, but there was still no new candidate for the Rubber Ducky award. The marina was pretty full, as several AYC boats joined us here. The Grapevine Café provided another wonderful dinner. After a windy night, it was off to...

Otter Bay. This is a lovely spot, with a pool and a pianist who plays during the adult swimming hours. After a happy hour on the flag deck, the crew of the Double Eagle won a jar of Chutney in another impromptu game. Boaters were on their own for dinner, with some opting to walk over to The Stand at the ferry dock for a not-to-be-missed hamburger experience. And then there's the ambiance-The Stand is a vine & roses covered Winnebago with two outdoor tables and a sensational view. The next morning there was good sailing over to...

Ganges, where there is always good shopping and

good food available. We should probably make the Village Cobbler an official AYC shoe store outstation. For dinner, some chose Piccolo, some the Tides Inn. Saturday morning brought free muffins and coffee courtesy of the Ganges Marina, and an opportunity to check out their spiffy new showers. The Saturday Market at Ganges is always fun. At this point, Some cruisers elected to stay in Ganges another day, some headed for points farther north, and the remainder of the fleet cast off for...

Port Browning. Although the water in the pool was too cool to swim, there was a nice hike to the nearby shopping center. At long last, we acquired a candidate for the Rubber Ducky award, when Bruce took an unplanned swim off the dock, but Dean and his camera were not there to record it.

The next morning, most of the remaining boats got an early start back to Anacortes. This was a great cruise, marred only by the loss of Bruce's watch, (an expensive trade for the Rubber Ducky, if he wins it) and head problems on more than one boat. The Cheaquis were happy recipients of AYC hospitality as they hitched rides on several different boats between harbors, as well as Friendship. With apologies if we somehow missed someone, the cruisers were:

Cynthia & Bruce Backlund, **Sea Star**; Ginny Myrhe & Marv Klinger, **Harriot J**; Jeanie Browne & Von Smith, **Third Love**; Verjean Link and Jim Whitcomb, **Sweet**; Brenda & Bill Cheaqui, **Friendship (crew)**; Martha & John Moody, **Captain Jack**; Nancy & Charlie Drake, **Puffin**; Linda & Larry Newland, **Legacy II**; Suzanne & Dean Emery, **Gusto II**; Bev & Frank Pasqual, **Grand Finale**; Maury & Helene Fink, **Dissipated Charlie**; Laura & Harry Ree, **land cruisers**; Ian, Eric, & Richard Gatley, **Windsong**; Kim & John Satterlee, **Early Liberty**; Karen & Tim Hall, **Sunrise**; Marcia & Bill Short, **Friendship**; Linda & Pete Harbers, **Harber Lights**; Laura & Dick Smock, **Alicia B**; Julia Hodson & Greg Pankau, **Double Eagle**; Meilen & Spencer Swain, **Sunshine**; Beth & Don Jaques, **Glory**; Barbara & Gale Teachout, **Obsession**; Jan & Bob Jordan, **Traveller**; Karen & Dave Thomson, **Tortuga**.

Editor's Note: This a transition edition but will try to get the next Knot News out early in the month. Deadline is the end of each month. Please submit articles to me via e mail at sfswain@home.com or call me at 293-0706. Any ideas, suggestions or comments are welcome.

Victoria BC Cruise-Labor Day Weekend

Victoria, BC is a happening city this weekend, and you don't want to miss out on one of the most exciting cruises this summer.

Classic Boat Festival will be at the Inner Harbour near the Empress Hotel and is a celebration of our maritime heritage featuring classic sail and power boats from throughout the West Coast and beyond, including many of our "tall ships" that we see in our waters. This starts August 31 and ends September 2nd with all sorts of events planned-and admission is free.

The 6th Annual Vancouver Island Blues Bash will also be at Ships Point, Victoria Inner Harbour and begins August 31 and runs through the 3rd of September. This includes a four day Blues festival with free and paid admission shows plus an adult beverage garden. Afternoon shows are free and feature some of the best local bands around. The evening bands on schedule include the Kelly Hunt Band, and David Gogo Band and these costs \$10.00 (Canadian) for each performance-or \$15.00 for both!

If you are interested in animals, the 134th (no, this is not a typo!) Saanich Fair will be held between September 1st through the 3rd. This year's theme: Go Hog Wild! This year's feature: The Pig. Agricultural displays, livestock, exhibits, 4-H clubs, amusements, stage entertainment, etc.

Now, if that is not enough to satisfy your wishes, we are planning a bicycle ride on Saturday on a part of the "Galloping Goose" trail which will include pub stops, coffee breaks, etc. etc. We plan to leave around 10:00 AM, and those interested can rent bicycles within a block of the marina. This will be an easy cruise-and a lot of fun!!

Happy hour is planned each night between 5:30 and 6:30 each evening somewhere on the dock-then ! plenty of time for you to discover some of the great restaurants in Victoria. One evening will be a trip to ChinaTown where you can be fed for less than \$10.00 (Canadian) and have as many courses as there are people interested in coming!

Sunday Brunch will be held at Ocean Pointe at noon-a short walking distance from the marina-and we even have our own room for this event!

Moorage will be at the Wharf Street Dock, next to the Customs Dock, which is near the Seaplane Dock! As there are no reservations, it will be "come as you are" as the folks that are in charge of the marina guarantee a spot for you. You will be probably rafted up to someone or something-but that is half the fun of being there!

Do bring extra locks so that you can secure your dinghy or bicycles to your boat as they do not have guards on duty.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Karney's or Cave's for information about this great event!



STUART ISLAND CRUISE SEPTEMBERFEST

September 15 and 16 is our Septemberfest cruise held in Reid Harbor on Stuart Island. Several boats are going over Friday to help hold a dock for the festivities. Stuart Island is a great place to crab, relax with friends and take hikes. We will break bread and drink fine wine on Saturday evening so bring your favorite wine and cheese and enjoy. Any questions call the Cruise Captains Linda and Pete Harbers at (360) 299-2328



AYC Elections Coming Up

The 2001 elections for Club Board members is slated for the Annual meeting in November. Girts Rekevics is chairman of the nominating committee and needs eager and industrious folks to fill the upcoming vacancies. It is a fun and rewarding experience so why not throw your hat in the ring. Traditionally the flag officers move up a notch so that leaves the Rear Commodore's position vacant. One year and two year director's slots also need to be filled. Check Article VI of the By Laws for the nitti gritti details of these offices and the procedure.

If you are interested in serving your club or wish to nominate someone please contact Girts Rekevics (293-2233 or nwrwg@cnw.com) before the October General meeting so the names will be in nomination.



Events Coming Up in the Next 30 Days

Wed, August 15	Wally's Tour's 3	1830	R/C Maury Fink
Thu, August 16	Lido Thursday Eves	1800	F/C Mark Miller
Fri, August 17	Happy Hour at AYC	1700	B/T Lucky ?
Sat, Aug 18-19	Inati Bay Cruise	N/A	C/C Peter Sanders
Wed, August 22	Wally's Tours 4	1830	R/C Maury Fink
Thu, August 23	Lido Thursday Eves	1800	F/C Mark Miller
Fri, August 24	Hamburger Night	700	Chef Harry Ree
Tue, August 28	Board Meeting	1900	CDR Liz O'Neil
Sat, Sept 1-3	Victoria Cruise	N/A	C/C Dick Karney
Sat, Sept 1-2	PITCH	N/A	Bellingham Y C
Sat, Sept 8-9	One Design Regatta	N/A	Bellingham Y C
Sat, Sept 15-16	Reid Harbor Cruise	N/A	C/C Pete Harbers
Sat, Sept 15	Lido Flt 78 Regatta	1000	F/C Mark Miller
Sat, Sept 15	Tri-Straits 2	0900	R/C Maury Fink

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