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## From The Helm

The 2002 boating season seems to be getting off to a good start. The PHRF sailors have planned their schedule for the year 2002. It looks like there will be lots of fun and challenging races in the offering. The Lido Fleet have not had their planning meeting yet, but talk is that a full racing program is in store.

The cruisers will be having a planning meeting in early January. Date and time will be announced. Your input on cruise itineraries and volunteering as cruise captains will make this a cruising year to remember. Those of you who do not have a boat might want to help plan the land cruises for the season.



Upon completion of the schedule, a year long calendar will be placed in the clubhouse for quick reference and to aid in your planning for the year. My hope is to provide a variety of boating and social experiences with a minimum of overlap among events.

Coming up Friday, January 11th at 6:00 pm is our next "Hamburger Night". We will be planning a Taco Night instead for \$2.00. Bowling will be featured again at San Juan Lanes at 7:30 pm.

Have a wonderful boating season this year and I hope to see you at the club and on the water!

**Commodore Bill Short**

### Some Friends Have Sailed Away

John Lawson passed away on December 27. John doted on his woody Chris at which he kept at Cap Sante. His memorial service will be held on Wednesday, January 2 at 1:00, United Methodist Church; Redmond, WA.

Dick Johnson passed away Friday, Dec. 28th while walking the Washington Park Loop Trail. He was a long time sailor and member of AYC.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families at this time of loss.

### "FACES of AFGHANSTAN"

**General Membership Meeting January 25th  
Bar Open at 5:30 PM Dinner at 7:00PM**

One of our long time members, Mac Madenwald will present a slide show on the "Faces of Afghanistan". Mac has made many trips to the area doing volunteer medical work. His last 3 trips were to Masar I Sharif. In lieu of todays world situation, you will find it not only informative but very worth while.

Enjoy a scrumptious Chicken Fettucini dinner, guaranteed to fill you up and make you glad you came. The charge for dinner is \$10.00 per person and your reservations are requested by January 21, 2002.

Please make your reservations by e-mail to [dpharj@cnw.com](mailto:dpharj@cnw.com) or 360.293.5277.

**Pam Harju, Vice Commodore**

## Rubber Ducky Award



**Bruce Backlund**, Past Commodore, bon vivant, world traveller and last of the big time spenders is this year's recipient of the coveted Rubber Ducky Award. Bruce took an unintended swim while helping Bob Jordan dock his boat at Port Browning. (*Bruce must have become confused with the weird squiggly lines on the hull of Traveler*) To add insult to injury his watch, a Rolex, was lost. He emerged from the water to the cheers of the Pub Cruise Captains. He quickly donned his scuba gear and plunged back in to search for his watch. By this time the helpful captains had accumulated all sorts of gear - lights, anchors of various types, boat hooks, nets, you name it. Advice that could raise the Titanic was proffered, and luckily went unheeded. Bruce searched the muddy bottom for several hours, but all in vain. The AYC Board, feeling Bruce's pain, also presented him with a replacement watch, hecho en Mexico. They're all heart, those guys. {;-)

## The Last 2001 Cruise by Brenda Cheaqui

For the last Club cruise of the season, (11/30-12/2/01) participants left their own boats buttoned up in favor of one large one, M/V Evergreen State. Some walked on and some drove on, where cruise captains Marcia and Bill Short met the Rees, the Thomsons, the Finks, and the Cheaquis on board. The Anacortes town crier was also on board in full regalia. Sidney was breezy and cool, but dry, and since the Finks and the Thomsons loaded everyone's back-packs into their vehicles, it was a great day for window shopping on the way to the Rumrunner for lunch. Afterward, the group scattered for some serious shopping and a trip to a crafts show. Before heading on to Victoria, we played a rousing game of "Where's Marcia?" Hint: As long as she has bus fare in hand and shoes on her feet, you will not find her among the dolls, chutneys, and tea cozies of a crafts show.

After checking in at the Days Inn at the Inner Harbour, there was still time for exploring Victoria before meeting in the Ree's hospitality room and taking a brisk hike to the Swan for dinner.



## Harry's Hospitality Suite

The nip in the air on the way back inspired some to take in the Festival of Trees at the Empress. On Saturday, after a leisurely breakfast, the Rees and the Finks headed back to Anacortes on what would prove to be a bumpy passage. The others headed off to do their own things—mall walking, castle touring, thrift continued on page 3

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## Make a good start. Pencil in these upcoming Events

<b>Fri, Jan 4</b>	<b>Happy Hour</b>	<b>1700</b>	<b>Bill Booth</b>
<b>Sat, Jan 12</b>	<b>Cruise Planning</b>	<b>1900</b>	<b>Phil Case</b>
<b>Fri, Jan 11</b>	<b>\$2 Taco /Bowl</b>	<b>1700</b>	<b>Bill Short</b>
<b>Fri, Jan 18</b>	<b>Happy Hour</b>	<b>1700</b>	<b>Bill Booth</b>
<b>Tue, Jan 22</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>1900</b>	<b>Bill Short</b>
<b>Fri, Jan 25</b>	<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>1730</b>	<b>Pam Harju</b>
<b>Sat, Jan 27</b>	<b>Cruising Club</b>	<b>1800</b>	<b>Bill Short</b>

### Last Land Cruise continued

shops, marine shops. The Pragers had arrived in time for happy hour at the hotel, then the Thomsons ferried us to Oak Bay Village for dinner at The Blethering Place. On Saturday nights, dinner includes the Wig and Thistle Comedy Show, a must see. We laughed, we sang, we danced. Nostalgia for old songs and old jokes never dies, it lives on in Oak Bay.

On Sunday morning the 9:33 double decker bus to Sidney was free thanks to coupons given us by some generous young people who had picked them up at a beer festival the night before. We arrived in plenty of time to hit the bakery one last time to provision for the ferry. Waterfront homeowners were shoveling driftwood off their lawns from the previous day's windstorm, but this ferry ride was smooth and uneventful, a happy ending for a terrific "land cruise."



I start from the premise that no object created by man is as satisfying to his body and soul as a proper sailing yacht. What other than a cruising sailboat is at once so lovely to look at, so exhilarating to travel on, and so charming to live aboard?

— Arthur Beiser, "The Proper Yacht"

### Hello everyone,

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the volunteers that assisted last year with the bar. There are too many to name, you made my year a successful one by always saying yes when I needed your help.

It was indeed a pleasure to be the Rear Commodore and I look forward to the new challenge of Vice Commodore.

Please extend your support and help to Bill Booth, Rear Commodore as you have me over the past year.

Thanks again, **Pam Harju**



### Some Websites from Practical Sailor

[www.boatdiesel.com](http://www.boatdiesel.com)--lots of diesel stuff  
[www.ancorproducts.com](http://www.ancorproducts.com)--wiring info  
[www.rigrite.com](http://www.rigrite.com)--info on spars and rigging  
[www.tedbrewer.com](http://www.tedbrewer.com)--math concepts, ratios  
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