



KNOT NEWS



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From the Helm

We are growing out of our current facilities. At large events it is difficult to seat everybody and some members have been seen dancing outside the restrooms waiting their turn. The Board of Directors has formed a building committee to check into the feasibility of adding a restroom and finishing the interior of the basement. This area could handle the overflow from upstairs or two separate functions in the club at the same time. Bob Carlson, Suzanne Emery, Pam Harju, Bill Larson and Spencer Swain comprise the committee. Phil Case, an architect, will consult as needed. If you have any ideas or suggestions please contact any one of the committee members.

Bill Short, Commodore



Board Appoints New Directors

The AYC Board of Directors has appointed Ron Elliot and Phil Case to positions on the Board. Ron will be Race Chairman and will represent the interests of the racing contingent. Phil will be Cruise Chairman and as such will represent the cruisers. So, if you have something dealing with racing or cruising issues to bring before the board please contact Ron or Phil.



Phil Case
Cruise Chairman



Ron Elliott
Race Chairman

Racer's Update

Your race committee has been hard at work this winter. A complete re-write of the race packet, changes to the protest procedure, new start sequence, a great upcoming race schedule and much more is ready for a roll out.



A **Sailing Knowledgefest** Event is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 13th at 1900 hours at the AYC**. Learn more about these new changes, buy a race packet, and get a heads up on this years Foul Weather race to Fisherman's Bay. Chris Sherman will have Foul Weather entry forms. The bar will be open. This meeting will be a good time to present your race waiver and certificates to the Race Committee. Prices for the PHRF race packet have not changed, \$45 for Yacht Club Members, discounted to \$40.50 for those AYC members who are also a member of US Sailing.

For those racers that have not yet renewed their PHRF-NW or their PIYA safety certificates you must do so before your first race. Renewal forms and certificates can be found at <http://www.phrf-nw.org> and <http://www.ussailing.net/piya>.

Winter will soon be over. Let's go racing!
Willie Gravley, PHRF Race Chair



Cruise/Race to Fisherman Bay

Sponsored by The Scott Milo Gallery at the Framemaker the Annual Foulweather Race/Cruise starts at 0900 Saturday, February 23rd between G4 and R5 Inguemes channel. The goal for the day is the meal and party at the Lopez Islander. Call (800)736-3434 for room reservations. The catered meal is \$17 per person. Moorage is 50¢ per foot. Racers entry \$15. Informal race home. Cruisers Welcome. Come and observe the Racer's Bacchanalia. Call Chris Sherman for details. 293-4616 or 293-6938.

Faces of Afganistan



Mac Madenwald

January's General meeting hosted a crowd of 65 or so members for a fine dinner and Mac Madenwald's presentation of the 'Faces of Afganistan'. Mac, an orthopedic surgeon, traveled to Afganiistan about 6 times between 1986 and 1996. Under UN auspices he provided medical help to the children who were injured by the mines and munitions scattered throughout the country. His pictures of the people, especially kids, were excellent in contrast to the murky images most of us have seen these last few months. The devastaion to the country by the Russian invasion was readily apparent. Mac pointed out several pictures purported to be of 'melons' which showed Afgan women in their veiled gowns in the background. Photographing women was not permitted. It was a great and informative evening, Mac. Thanks for sharing it with us.



New Members for January

George & Patricia Hatfield

4110 Kingsway
Anacortes, WA 98221
Phone: 360-588-1443

email: gphatfield2@attbi.com
Boat: Sea Sport 2400, "Iron Genny"

Interests: PHRF racing (looking for a crew spot)
(Hey, racers, grab him before the competition. ed)

Check AYC's Website

Bookmark this <<http://www.anacortes.net/ayc/>>

There is all sorts of good stuff on our site. The 2002 Cruise Schedule and Reciprocal Moorage availablities are posted.(click on Cruising Program) The PHRF and Lido Fleet Racing Schedules for 2002 are there so you won't miss a race. (click on Racing Program) Then try Upcoming Events to learn what's going on at the Clubhouse in the near term. Hit the Useful Links to check the wind and the tide because all good sailors need that info. Everything's there except what the Dow will do tomorrow. Who know's maybe Dave Thomson will have that plugged in also.

While your are surfing why not checkout <http://groups.yahoo.com/>? This is where the club maintains the e-mail list and all the messages that have been sent to you. If you deleted something and you need it, it's here. The Knot News, meeting notices, etc are all here since December 2000. Amazing. But, you must sign in. Go to the groups site and follow the procedure laid out for new users. Once you have your ID and password, sign in and click the **AnacortesYC** under My Groups in the upper left hand corner. Bingo, you're there. Have fun in cyberspace.

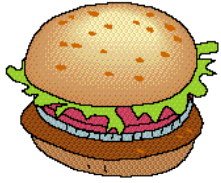


AYC Lore of Years Gone By

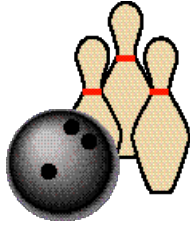


Halloween Circa 1985.

Oh, they were having fun that night. My source tells me that all sorts of wild and crazy things transpired in the old clubhouse that night. Can you identify the two ladies in the photo above? Here's a hint. They both were present at the last general meeting.



Guess What?



The next two buck Hamburger Night will be Friday, February 8th. The Health Bar will open about 5 with the grill cranking up about 6 PM. Those who enjoy bowling should head for the alleys about 7:15. Nonbowlers would be welcomed in the cheering section. The players really need your support.

The Taco Feed on January 11th had about 50 Mexican Gourmet Aficionados crowded around the serving table. The taco fixings were prepared by Bill & Marcia Short with help from Donna Prager. Brownies by Laura Ree. The energetic hit the lanes to work off the carbos. Bill Booth rolled a 169 followed by John Moody with 168.



Cruise Schedule 2002

March 23	Vancouver, BC/Land
April 6-7	Friday Harbor
May 11-12	Oak Harbor
May 25-27	Garrison Bay
June 1-2	Waldron Island
June 29-July 7	Pub Cruise
July 20-21	West Sound
July 27-Aug 10	Barkley Sound
Aug 9-25	South Sound
Aug 24-25	Inati Bay
Aug 31-Sept 2	Victoria Classic Boat
Sept 9-15	Commodore's
Oct 12-13	Reid Harbor
Nov 15-17	Harrison Hot Springs
Dec 6-8	Victoria Land Cruise

Check the AYC Web Site for more information.

<<http://www.anacortes.net/ayc/>>



Dinner Meeting



Friday, February 22, 2002

Bar open at 6:00 PM Dinner at 7:00 PM

The meal will be **Beef Stroganoff**, with all the trimmings plus dessert catered by the Market Place Bistro and Cafe.

The cost will be \$10.00 per person

Program will announced at a later date

The deadline for reservations is Monday, February 18 - please call the message phone at 360.293.5277 or e-mail me at pam@cnw.com. I will repond so that you will know that your reservation has been received.

Pam, Vice Commodore



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It has become a tradition since last year that the second Friday is a \$2.00 night at the club. It can be hamburgers, soup, tacos or just about anything that can make a profit for \$2.00.

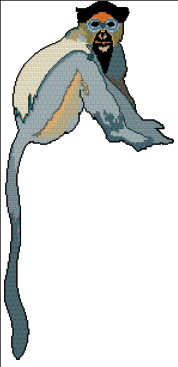
I would appreciate it very much if some of our members would volunteer to take a Friday and basically do as you wish. The dates are as follows: Feb 8, March 8, April 12, May 10, August 9, Sept. 13, October 11, Nov 8 and Dec. 13.

The club belongs to all of us and we all need to help out when needed. I thank you in advance for your efforts and time you are giving to this function.

Pam Harju, Vice Commodore



FLASH! The Windermere Regatta will be held the weekend of June 8th & 9th, 2002 with registration on June 7th. Watch for exciting announcements to follow.



Cold Monkey Story

In the heyday of the sailing ship, every ship had to have cannon for protection. Cannon of the times required round iron cannon balls. The master wanted to store the cannon balls such that they could be of instant use when needed, yet not roll around the gun deck. The solution was to stack them in a square based pyramid next to the cannon. The top level of the stack had one ball, the next level down had four, the next had nine, the next had 16, and so on. Four levels would provide a stack of 30 cannon balls. The only real problem was how to keep the bottom level from sliding out from under the weight of the higher levels. To do this, they

devised a small plate (called a "monkey") with one rounded indentation for each cannon ball in the bottom layer. When iron was used to make this plate ("monkey"), the cannon balls would rust to the plate. As a result, these plates were made of brass to prevent this problem -- thus the name "brass monkey." When temperature falls, brass contracts in size faster than iron. As it got cold on the gun decks, the indentations in the brass monkey would get smaller than the iron cannon balls they were holding. If the temperature got cold enough, the bottom layer would pop out of the indentations spilling the entire pyramid over the deck. Thus it was, quite literally, "COLD ENOUGH TO FREEZE THE BALLS OFF A BRASS MONKEY." And all this time some of you thought you were talking dirty.

AYC Schedule for February 2002

Fri, Feb 1	Happy Hour	1700
Fri, Feb 8	\$2 Burger/Bowling	1700
Wed, Feb 13	Sailing Knowledgefest	1900
Fri, Feb 15	Happy Hour	1700
Fri, Feb 22	General Meeting/Dinner	1700
Sat, Feb 23	Foul Weather Race/Cruise	0900
Sun, Feb 24	Cruising Club	1800
Tue, Feb 26	Board Meeting	1900