



# KNOT NEWS



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## From the Helm

Spring is rapidly approaching and excitement is building amongst the club members to get ready for another active boating season! Not only do our boats need to be cleaned and repaired for racing and cruising but our clubhouse also needs attention to be ready for an active season.



With that in mind and a reminder that our club is a volunteer organization, we could sure use some help in the following areas:

- Clean and repair the Lido dock
- Clean and check out the bar-b-cues
- Remove trash around the clubhouse as well as boxes, etc. in the basement

Check with Rear Commodore Bill Booth on any yard work or repairs that may be needed at the clubhouse.

It is those of you who do the extra jobs around the club that make AYC such a great yacht club to belong to. Thanks for all of your extra effort and I look forward to seeing you at the club or on the water.

**Commodore Bill Short**



## Foul Weather Race 2002



It was a cold, snowy, blustery day as we prepared to leave the marina. It sounds like a scene played out somewhere in Nova Scotia, but alas this was Cap Sante! As we rounded Cap Sante head the wind hit us like a cold slap in the face....welcome to the 2002 Foul Weather Race! (not to be confused with the 2001 race) *continued next column*

After an unofficial 1 hour delay, 16 boats set sail at 11:10AM for Lopez Island which proved to be a very fast ride indeed. There were all sorts of reports on varying wind speeds but for the most part they were a steady 20 to 25 knots with some higher gusts which made for an absolutely awesome day of racing. Other than the minor lull at Thatcher Pass, we and I assume most others kept the pedal to the metal and the rails in the water. After rounding Upright Head, most boats were able to fly their spinnakers right into the finish line marker in Fisherman Bay. It sounds like some got a little closer to the finish line marker than others.....but that's another story. **Raven** lapped the field on Saturday by finishing over an hour earlier than many of the boats and hitting speeds up to **18 knots!** Hard round ups, broaches, and knockdowns where the norm. Decks awash, spume, and shroud shrieking gusts made for a very exiting race.

After the race the Islander Resort opened up the bar and kitchen to host the AYC racers. A tasty lasagne buffet was served along with mucho pitchers of beer. All and all it was a pretty spectacular day in the Pacific NW !!! There were numerous hearty souls that wandered down to the Galley later which had quite a party going on and an awesome jam session with some local musicians. Although the winds were as strong and steadier than on Saturday. I rode the ferry home, and it was all we could do to catch and overtake Raven on the way back to Anacortes. Thanks to Chris Sherman and the Scott Milo Gallery for your efforts and sponsorship. **David Huynh aboard Hoerndag**



## Vancouver Land Cruise

**March 23, 2002**

Join the group for a land cruise to Vancouver, B.C. on March 23. Plan to leave AYC at 8:30 to allow time to get through the border.

Meet at **Parker Place Mall** @ 4380 No.3 Road, Richmond, BC. Arrive before 11:00 AM if you want *continued on Page 2*

a place to park. Parking is also available on the roof. Tour the Mall with Meilen as tour guide and coach for "Money Spending Contest".

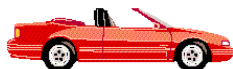


Lunch at 1:00 at **Floata Seafood Restaurant**, one of the best Chinese food restaurants in Vancouver. Check out the menu at [www.floata.com](http://www.floata.com)

Drive to **University of BC Anthropological Museum** at 6393 NW Marine Drive to see their First Nation exhibit as well as the currently touring "**Spirit of Islam**". The museum closes at 5:00. Cost: \$7.00 adults/\$5.00 seniors. (Group Rates are available if we know in advance about the numbers.)

Return home on your own schedule. Some people are planning to stay over Saturday night and drive back on Sunday. We are told there are some good Jazz places to catch that evening.

E-mail us if you are planning to join us. **Contact Captains KenCave @ [bcave@whidbey.net](mailto:bcave@whidbey.net) OR Phil Case @ [mpcase@earthlink.net](mailto:mpcase@earthlink.net).**



Directions to Parker Place Mall. Take 99 North to Westminster Highway, Exit 36. Once you exit, turn left at the traffic light heading west on Westminster Highway. Turn right on No. 3 Road. The mall will be on your right just past Leslie Road.



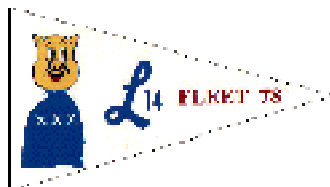
### **Shakedown Cruise to Friday Harbor Saturday April 6th-Sunday April 7th.**

Lots to see and do there, shops, restaurants, museum. Sea Star will arrive on Friday; bring hors d'oeuvres and libation of choice to the dock party on Saturday at 4:30. Please reply to Cruise Captain **Bruce (Splash) Backlund** at [beb95@hotmail.com](mailto:beb95@hotmail.com) if you think you can make it.



A small sailing craft is not only beautiful, it is seductive and full of strange promise and the hint of trouble. If it happens to be an auxiliary cruising boat, it is without question the most compact and ingenious arrangement for living ever devised by the restless mind of man...

— E.B. White, "The Sea and the Wind that Blows"



### **Lido 14 Fleet Getting Ready to Sail**

The year 2002 looks like an exciting year for the local Lido 14 fleet. Our first race is scheduled for March 10<sup>th</sup> at 13:00 hours (that's 1:00 pm) and will welcome any new racers that might need suggestions regarding boat set-up, rigging, crew, etc.

There will be dual emphasis this year for our Lido fleet; one being the building and coaching of relatively new racers and second, the collective preparation of our fleet to do well at this year's National Lido Regatta at Sequim. Sailors from throughout the western US will be gathering in Sequim during the week of August 11-15. Since Anacortes has one of the larger fleets on the west coast, we'll try to show the visitors some local knowledge regarding sailing in the big waters of the Pacific Northwest.

Beginning March 10<sup>th</sup>, all races will be scheduled for Sunday racing beginning at 1:00 pm (13:00 hours) for the first start. The first Sunday of each month will be dedicated to boat handling clinics put on by local talent. Depending on the weather, some of the clinics will be held inside but we'll always try to include water time with the clinics. Our goal is to bring as many new people into the fleet while giving the veterans an opportunity to either teach or tune-up.

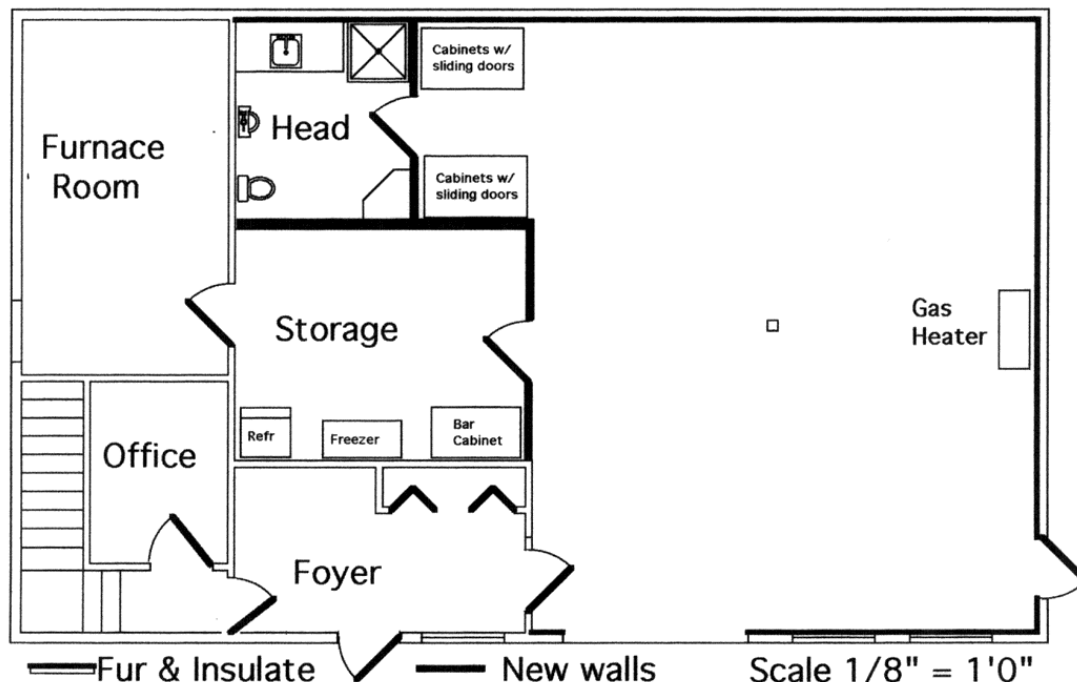
Don't be shy, come join us on the dingy dock, 12:30 Sundays. **Any questions, call George Way, 293-7305 or Steve Orsini, 293-5689.**



The program for the **General Membership Meeting on March 22nd** will be a video on "Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention" I know that you will find this not only educational but make you aware of circumstances where the information may apply.

**The Pot Luck Dinner for the evening will be catered by you, our members.** If your last name begins with A thru J then bring an entree - if your last name begins with K thru M - bring a Salad - if your last name begins with N thru the end of the alphabet, bring a dessert.

There is no need to RSVP to this one. I will not be able to attend so enjoy yourselves and have a great time. **Pam Harju Vice Commodore**



## AYC Board Approves Basement Project

At the February 26 meeting the AYC board gave the go ahead for the basement completion project as shown above. The basement walls will be finished and painted. A new unisex lavatory and store room constructed. The floor will be carpeted and a fireplace type gas heater will be installed. When completed this should be a nice space for small meetings or handle over flow crowds.

Your building committee will now proceed to obtain permits and solicit bids for the necessary work. We will keep you informed as the work progresses.

## PHRF Racer's Update

February kicked off the PHRF race groups season of events. A knowledgefest was held on February 13th to roll out the new race packet and start sequence. Attendance was fantastic. Approximately 45 to 50 skippers and crew got a jump start on the season hearing several presentations. Ron Elliott demonstrated the modified 5-4-1-Go start sequence and not without controversy. To bad that those that wanted express their opinions had them fall on deaf ears. A number of request for volunteers to work on the race packet and start sequence invited unlimited input. If you do not want to be a small voice in the woods, volunteer! On the water safety tops the list of preparedness. Equipment selection and PIYA safety categories were ably reviewed by Paul Bergman. brief review of the new race packet was led by Willie

Gravley. This great group of competitors contributed mightily to the club coffers through their judicious use of the bar facilities. Upon departure everyone was pumped and ready to start racing. And race they did.

Our next invitational race will be the **Lidgard Tulip Regatta on Saturday April 6th**. Contact TK Wegg if you wish to volunteer. **March 9th** brings us our **Champagne I race around Cone Islands**. This is the first race of the season in which points are scored for boat of the year. Race committee member Fred West is working on an educational event that will involve a brief class session at the club followed by on the water practice. This event will focus on the start sequence and start line tactics. Experienced skippers will be on hand to mentor new boats during this session. A date is yet to be set. Contact Fred West or Willie Gravley if you are interested.

## What About the Money?

Last quarter, I laid out where the club gets its money and what we do with it. This is an update, and in a different format. The main sources of revenue for the club are:

<b>In 2001</b>	<b>Net</b>
<b>Dues</b>	<b>\$23,146</b>
<b>Roster</b>	<b>\$809</b>
<b>Race events &amp; packets</b>	<b>\$2,755</b>
<b>Bar</b>	<b>\$5,328</b>

Net, of course, is the amount left over after expenses for that purpose are dealt with. Net is not profit. Profit requires expensing each cost against each revenue source. For example, bar net does not include expenses for sales tax, permits, and licenses. Those expenses are part of our “operational” expenses. The overwhelming majority of the club’s expenses are ordinary and recurring. On the club books most of these expenses are categorized as “operational”. These expenses include taxes, utilities, building maintenance, our cleaning personnel, moorage, supplies, insurance, Knot News and postage, and many other similar items. The total for our operational expenses in 2001 was \$31,935. Very little of the operational expenses are discretionary. That is, the Board of Directors does not specifically approve them. The bills come in and are paid.

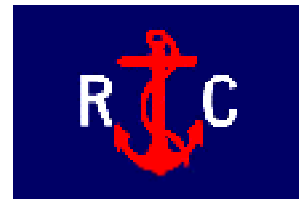
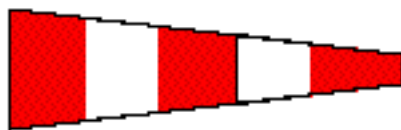
What then, does the Board authorize? Generally, expenses other than ordinary, such as additional maintenance items or upgrade items for the clubhouse. Last year, we painted the clubhouse, for example, at a cost of slightly over \$3,000. In addition, there are specific expenses. One of these is the contribution we have been making yearly for the Anacortes Sailing Club. This has been \$1,250, which represents the additional insurance policy we take out on this organization. Another specific expense last year was the purchase of a new motor for the chase boat. The motor cost \$3,830.

So lets talk about the chase boat a little. When the boat was purchased, for \$2,000, we knew it was going to need some work. We also knew it was going to need a replacement engine. Members donated the labor and the total spent on the boat, including purchase price, licenses, insurance, and the motor, has totaled \$7,274 (since March, 1998). This boat has added an important safety feature to our race program and its proven to be a valuable asset, adding a much desired dimension to our program. Incidentally, I have never gotten a bill for fuel costs for operating this boat, so the users are paying this out of pocket. In almost every year since its acquisition, the money generated by the race program has been in excess of all racing expenses, including the chase boat. In 2001, however, if we match all of the chase boat costs (mostly the new engine) to the race program net, we have a shortage of \$1,161. All in all, a very small price to pay for this asset. One last note on the balance sheet for the race program. Due to extraordinary efforts by Maury Fink last year, the race program sold a record number of race packets, which is the foundation of their revenue. In addition, every invitational race event generated more money than they cost. In short, the shortage in 2001 is an exception in the race program’s ability to pay for itself. And if you take into account a positive net in most years, this shortage has been easily made up by previous years’ revenue.

Since 1995, the club has accumulated about \$50,000 and we have no debts. At this time, the Board of Directors is considering a substantial remodeling project which could cost about \$20,000. It has been a core tenant of the Board of Directors that whatever we do to the clubhouse be paid for from our ordinary revenue sources. This is not likely to change.

This is a basic summary of AYC’s financial situation and is not intended as a detailed report. These details are available, on a monthly basis, at each board meeting and any member with an interest can have a copy of them by attending the meeting or by requesting them from the me.

**Mark Burpo Treasurer**



## **AYC Racers: Plan Ahead for the**

### **ANACORTES YACHT CLUB/WINDERMERE REGATTA**

**June 7th, 8th, & 9th, 2002**

This is the weekend to come out and support the 14th Annual Anacortes Yacht Club/Windermere Regatta.

Your regatta committee will be sending an e-mail announcing the first meeting for the regatta. Remember it takes everyone to make it a successful event. Last year the profit was \$1250.00, so when the meeting date is announced please plan to attend.

You may e-mail in advance your desire to help to Liz O'Neill [cabin@glacierview.net](mailto:cabin@glacierview.net) or Pam @ [pam@cnw.com](mailto:pam@cnw.com). Thanks for your help and willingness to make this 14th year the biggest success ever.



**Liz O'Neill and Pam Harju  
Co Chairs**



**Better learn these, you guys. It's in the book.**



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**AYC Schedule for March 2002**

<b>Friday</b>	<b>Mar 1</b>	<b>Happy Hour</b>	<b>1700</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Mar 8</b>	<b>\$2 Hamburgers/ Bowling</b>	<b>1700</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Mar 9</b>	<b>Cone Island Race</b>	<b>0900</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mar 10</b>	<b>Lido Clinic, Races</b>	<b>1300</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Mar 15</b>	<b>Happy Hour</b>	<b>1700</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Mar 16</b>	<b>Lawson Reef Race</b>	<b>0900</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mar 17</b>	<b>Lido Practice Racing</b>	<b>1300</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Mar 22</b>	<b>Pot Luck Dinner</b>	<b>1800</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Mar 23</b>	<b>Post Point Race</b>	<b>0900</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Mar 23</b>	<b>Vancouver Land Cruise</b>	<b>0830</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Mar 24</b>	<b>Lido Races</b>	<b>1300</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Mar 26</b>	<b>AYC Board Meeting</b>	<b>1900</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Mar 29</b>	<b>Happy Hour</b>	<b>1700</b>