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Anacortes Yacht Club's 111th Year

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From The Helm

Club members responded to the call to clean out the basement of the clubhouse. In order to get the basement ready for bids and construction, the north end of the basement and everything stored in the furnace room needed to be cleared out. The club members who frequent the Gere-A-Deli every morning for coffee responded to the call! Members Dave Thomson, Harry Ree, Dick and Laura Smock, Maury Fink, Bob Carlson, Dean Emery, Spencer Swain and myself made quick work of the cleanup. Bids are now being sought and we hope to begin construction on finishing off the basement and adding a restroom in the next few weeks.



On an unpleasant note, the clubhouse has been burglarized twice in recent weeks. We have had to change all of the locks and combinations. If you are holding an old key or try to use the old combination, they won't work. Please contact an officer if you need to get into the clubhouse.

Racing season is underway and the program needs all hands on deck to support the upcoming regattas sponsored by the club. Cruising on the water begins next weekend April 6th with the Shakedown Cruise to Friday Harbor. Come out and enjoy the activities of your club. Commodore Bill Short

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Sucia Island Cruise

April 19,20 & 21 at the docks in Fossil Bay. Bring food for the barbi and an hors d'oeuvre to share at 1700 social hour on Saturday. A bon fire to follow so bring some firewood if you have it. The Ughly Hawaiian Shirt Contest will highlight the social hour. Remember Pupule Haole's rules. You must do the hukilau whilst on parade. Let John (Old Starboard List) Moody know if you plan to come. Call him at (360) 299 8303 or e-mail at moodyj@attbi.com.

General Meeting

Friday, April 26, 2002

Come and join us on the 26th of April for the General Meeting. The bar opens at 6:00 PM with dinner being served at 7:00 PM.

The menu for the evening will be Honey Baked Ham, Scallop Potatoes, Fresh Green Salad, Assorted Vegetables and Rolls, all for the wonderful price of \$10.00 each. Please make your reservations by April 22nd, either to me at pam@cnw.com or leave a message on the yacht club phone at 360.293.5277.

The program for the evening will be members of the Anacortes Sailing Club. They will present a short overview of its program and the current season's activities. ASC will introduce some of its younger members. They will also highlight some of the past alums of the club who have gone on to sail at the college level. The Northwest District Double Handed Regatta will be held in Port Angeles starting the next morning, April 27 and running until the 28th so the team members will give a brief comment on how they have prepared for this major event.

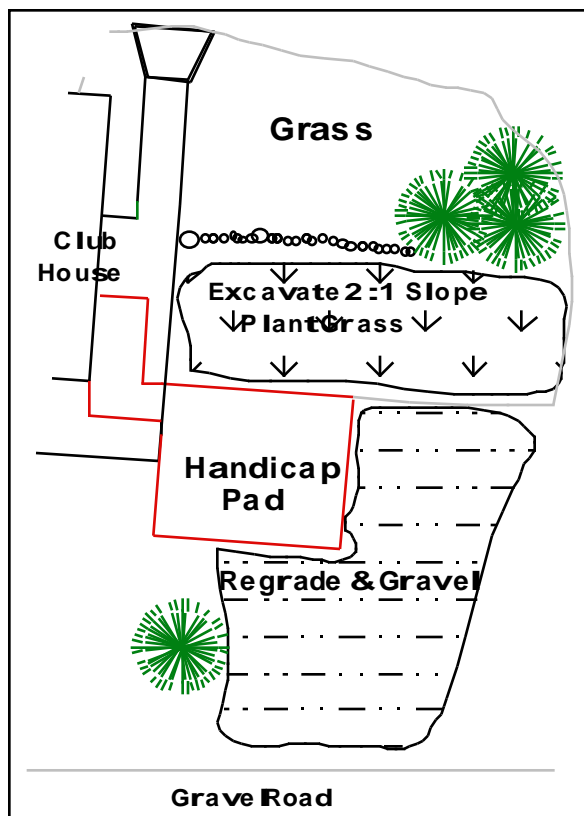
A personal comment - you will be entertained and amazed as to ability, knowledge, and sportsmanship that these kids have.

Please make your reservation to attend. Pam Harju, Vice Commodore

Shakedown Cruise

We have eighteen yachts signed up for the cruise to Friday Harbor on April 5-7. The Harbor Master tells me that he has plenty of space, so if you find at the last minute that you can come, do. It'll be warm and sunny so Hawaiian shirts are in order. Think of this as a preliminary to the World Famous Sucia Island Hawaiian Shirt contest. This year you guys can't just stand there. You gotta do the hukilau! Bruce "Pupule Haole" Backlund

Basement Project Update



The building committee has obtained a building permit from the city and is continuing to solicit bids for the work. Some code requirements caused the committee to recommend some changes to the Board. One was the deletion of the ADA compliant shower in the lower bathroom due to excessive cost to purchase and install. Also, we must build an ADA parking pad for the lower level and it is depicted above. In addition, it was recommended we move the water heater next

to the furnace and create a mechanical room. This will be much safer since flammable objects

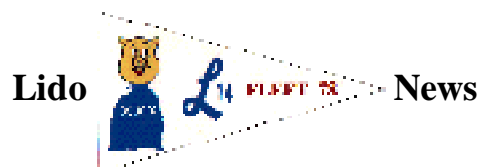


cannot be stored against these units.

Shortly, all the bids should be in and if we are on budget the Board should give us the go ahead. Stay tuned.

IN MEMORIAM

Anacortes Yacht Club member and club historian, George T. Stanton died March 5, 2002. After 28 years government service, both in SHAEF and Counter Intelligence, George and Cassandra retired into the Anacortes life-style, bought a sailboat, "OMERTA", and joined the AYC in 1974. For the next twenty years, George wove many bits and bobs of sailing lore into A Peek into AYC's History Files (see page 13, AYC roster 2002). The Stantons were ardent supporters of the AYC potluck dinners for dollars, contributing to the funds raised to purchase the land on which our clubhouse stands. Those ten dollar meals and an active membership of less than 100 families, often raised three to five hundred dollars. With praise to the ladies, George Stanton said it best "...those potatoes romanov will bring me back for every potluck..." PEACE



After multiple weather delays, The Lido 14 Fleet 78 finally were able to race on Sunday, March 24th. Five of the hard-core sailors ventured out on the nearly windless bay and practiced light wind tactics in the sunshine. What a difference a week makes considering it was snowing the week before. The Glade/Way team ended up winning followed by Orsini/Orsini, Miller/Miller, Hawken/Hawken and a guest from Seattle sailing with one of our youth sailors. By the names, you can tell this is a family affair. We have boats at the dock that need to get their bottoms wet so come down to the dock at noonish on Sundays



A calm renders the lone sailor impotent—it leaves him with no weapon, strips him of the power to act. He can fight the storm, use his knowledge and his intelligence on a dangerous lee shore, scheme and struggle against a foul tide and a head wind round some distant headland, but against a calm in the ocean he is helpless... It is as if the laws of the universe had been suspended.

— Frank Mulville, Single-Handed Sailing

Annual Land Cruise 2002

Richmond BC and beyond!

The whole cruise was a great adventure, starting at the border crossing when we were told that a Washington Drivers License only shows that you can drive but is not proof of citizenship. After a quick (and stern) lecture, the Canadian customs agent let us through.

Once in Richmond, we all met at Parker Place, one of the largest oriental shopping centers in Western Canada, for a wonderful tour of different shops by Meilen Swain. The supermarket was by far the most interesting, as there is nothing that is not edible, and it was all there, from abalone, king crab in huge tanks, fish of every kind, to meat parts that would take a special cookbook to prepare them!

After our tour, we arranged a dim sum meal at a local restaurant, which proved to be approximately two hours of tasting some real delicacies.

After Richmond, most of the group traveled to University of British Columbia and to the Anthropology Museum. The building itself was a work of art, housing many of the Haida totem poles that have been rescued from various villages throughout BC.

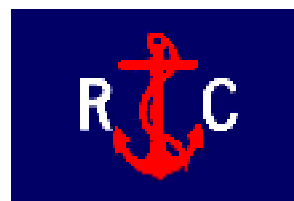
From there we attempted to join the gang at the False Creek Yacht Club, only to find it was closed. However, the restaurant below was open with views of False Creek and of our hotel across the water.

That evening, some of the folks returned to face the custom agents, while the rest of us stayed in various hotels in the city, and enjoyed a night of dry, warm weather ordered just for us!

The next morning, the troops gathered at Granville Island and the public market for a morning of shopping and more food tasting - then back to the border for another lecture by the American customs agents this time. (Bring your Passport or birth certificate for proof of citizenship. Costco cards, AARP cards, driver's license, credit cards, etc. will not work.)

A special to Phil and Madelyn Case for introducing us the UBC Museum of Anthropology.

Ken and Betsy Cave



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

ANACORTES YACHT CLUB

WINDERMERE REGATTA

AYC Racers: Plan Ahead for this 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 or Pam pam@cnw.com. Thanks for your help and willingness to make this 14th year the biggest success ever. Pam Harju and Liz O'Neill



**Ken and Betsy Cave with Meilen Swain
at the Parker Place Mall icon.**

First Day of Spring, March 2002



SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 2002

Fri, April 5	Open Bar	5 pm
Fri, April 5-7	Friday Harbor Shakedown Cruise	
Sat, April 6	Tulip Regatta	
Sun, April 7	Lido Races	1 pm
Fri, April 12	Open Bar \$2.00 Hamburger Night	6 pm
Sun, April 14	Lido Races	1 pm
Fri, April 19	Open Bar	5 pm
Fri, April 19-21	Sucia Island Cruise	
Sat, April 20	Viti Rocks Race	
Sun, April 21	Lido Race	1 pm
Tue, April 23	Board Meeting	7 pm
Fri, April 26	Open Bar 5 pm AYC Dinner	7 pm
Sun, April 28	Lido Race	1 pm
Sun, April 28	Cruising Club Pot Luck Program	6 pm