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Anacortes Yacht Club's 111th Year

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From the Helm



At the May 28th meeting the AYC Board of Directors approved the bids for completing the interior of the basement. This project includes construction of a restroom, carpeting, Fireplace, removal of the garage door, and a handicap parking space. The bids came in at slightly over \$16,000 and \$20,000 was budgeted for this project from the reserve account. This will allow two separate groups to meet at the club or one large group to utilize both floors. Spencer Swain and Bob Carlson have spearheaded this project along with the rest of the building committee members, Suzanne Emery, Pam Edwards-Harju, Ron Elliott and Phil Case. This will be a great addition to the clubhouse and we thank the committee for its great work.

Bill Short Commodore

IN MEMORIAM

With fond memories, and a deep sense of loss, herewith I report that former member of AYC, Val Martin died Thursday, April 25, 2002. Val and Diane Martin were the original owners of the yellow Catalina 30, WN 404 DD. Some members of the Club first learned to sail, and race on her. Although not visible, the Martin's cruiser was moored bow to bow with the yellow sloop. With respect and our blessings, we say PEACE.



Shakedown Cruise Report.

The shakedown cruise to Friday Harbor was a complete success; engine failures (three) notwithstanding. The weather cooperated with only mild rain on Saturday which cleared up for the dock party. Arriving Friday were Laura and Dick Smock on their new boat 'Voyageur' who also transported Bob and Jane Carlson and Bill & Barbara Larson. As the dinner hour approached Voyageur's boot top became immersed due to the great number of visitors checking out 'Killer' McCoy's favorite libation. Among those piped aboard were Dave and Karen Thomson on 'Tortuga', John and Martha Moody on 'Captain Jack', Spencer and Meilen Swain on 'Sunshine', Clark and Joanne Craig on 'Quest', Commodore and Marcia Short on 'Friendship', Joe and Cynthia Barnes with Terry and Diane Emigh on 'Maggie Drum' Ken and Betsy Cave on 'Dragon Tale.' Saturday, Ron and Anita Davis on 'Ours and Hours', Phil and Madelyn Case on 'In the Mood', Bob and Sheila Halligan on 'Vendredi', Lynn Ogeden and grandson Connor on 'Morpheus', Pete and Linda Harbers on 'Harber Lights' with guest Jane, Del and Geneal Fox on 'Ladybug' and John and Linda Mann on the big green boat. We had to pass on the Hawaiian shirt contest, just not enough sun.

Cruise Capt. Bruce Backlund reporting with Cynthia on 'Sea Star'.



Sucia Island Cruise

After much effort and astute planning AYC was once again able to schedule the Sucia Island cruise on the same weekend as the Birch BayYC and their Earthday cleanup. A 'mano a mano' struggle ensued and AYC lost the use of the shoreside barbecue. We did, however, takeover the entire dock and had a pretty good party. The male contingent was stunned when Karen Thomson walked away with 1st prize in the Ugly Hawaiian shirt contest. Bill Short presented the knockout 1st prize, a 12 inch Hula girl who shimmied and shook like the real thing. Hopefully it will become a perpetual trophy. Laura and Dick Smock's 'Voyageur' and Bill and Brenda Cheaqui's 'B & B' were duly invoked into their new careers with the renaming ceremony conducted by Karen Thomson and the Conch Band. Our leader, Bill Short, may have a candidate for the Rubber Ducky award, time will tell. AYC members at the cruise were: Dave & Karen Thomson, Marsha & Bill Short, Pete & Linda Harbers, Del & Geneal Fox, Pam & Rob Walker, Jeannie Brown, Phillip & Madelyn Case, Sharon & Chris Held, Gayle & Barbara Teachout, Dick & Laura Smock, Jerry & Bernice Gutman, Brenda & Bill Cheaqui, Wayne Schaub, Ginny & Marv Klinger, Helene & Maury Fink and Cruise Captain John (old Starboard list) & Martha Moody.



Karen Thomson, winner of the Ugly Hawaiian Shirt Contest with her Grand Prize

Lido 14 News

Despite the on again-off again weather of this spring, the Anacortes Lido Fleet has been turning out and attracting interest from other areas. We've had people drive from Seattle and Oak Harbor to sail with us. Other contacts have been from Concrete, Bainbridge Island and Oregon.

On April 7th we had 5 boats out including 2 visitors from Seattle. The wind was light but the sky was beautiful. Racing was canceled April 14th due to foul weather. April 21st found 4 boats in the bay, good wind and Collin Orsini criss-crossing the fleet in the 29er making us all feel like we were standing still.

May 5th will be an "Open Dock" (like Open House) for any prospective Lido sailors. We will be contacting previous participants of the Parks & Recreation Sailing program to invite them to continue their pursuit of sailing expertise. We hope most of the boat owners will be there to give advice or rides. One way or another, we want the boats on the dock to get their bottoms wet soon.

BBQ Beef Rib Dinner Night

Friday, May 24th, 2002

The bar will open at 5:00 PM and the dinner will be served at 7:00 PM. The menu includes barbecued boneless beef ribs, salad bar and dessert prepared by Commodore Bill closely supervised by Marcia Short. This full meal deal is only \$7.00 US. After this luscious repast Sharon Averill of West Marine will give a talk on floatation and safety equipment so you will be well prepared for your journey home.

Make your reservations by **May 21st** by calling the club at (360) 293 5277 or e mail to mshort@telcomplus.net



The sea became my unspoken challenge: the wind, the tide, the fog, the ledge, the bell, the gull that cried help, the never-ending threat and bluff of weather. Once having permitted the wind to enter the belly of my sail, I was not able to quit the helm; it was as though I had seized hold of a high-tension wire and could not let go.

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

AYC Racing News for April 2002

During April 2002 AYC held three races - April 6th was the Tulip Regatta, April 13th was the make up for the Tri-Straits I, the Lawson Reef race (short coursed to around Guemes) and April 20th was Viti Rocks. The results are as follows.

Jamoca, a Bellingham boat wins Tulip Regatta Division 1! Second place went to Mac Madenwald on Pangaea and third went to Fred West on Guy Noir. Division 2: 1st place went to Steve Orsini in Inferno, second place was Dave Lowe in Miles to Go, another Bellingham boat and third went to Girts Rekevics in Handyman!

Tri-Straits I Division 1 was won by Ken Greff in Seeker, second was Willie Gravely in Hoerndag. Division 2 First place honors went to Bill Booth in Flying Cloud, second to Walt Meagher in Syndi-cat and Steph Brooks copped third in FayerTyde.

Champagne III Viti Rocks Division 1 was won by Ron Elliott in Wired! Second place went to Fred West in Guy Noir and third place went to Bill Bowman in Krystal Ki! Division 2: 1st went to Bill Booth in Flying Cloud, 2nd to Girts Rekevics in Handyman and 3rd place to Jerry Vanderveen in Syndi-cat!

The Champagne Series results for the first three places in each Division are as follows: Division 1: Wired, Ron Elliott, Guy Noir, Fred West, Seeker, Ken Greff. Division 2: Flying Cloud, Bill Booth, FayerTyde, Steph Brooks, Syndi-cat, Walt Meagher

The Season Standings for Boat of the Year as of May 1, 2002 Division 1: 1st - Wired, Ron Elliott, 2nd - Guy Noir, Fred West, 3rd - Seeker, Ken Greff. Division 2: 1st - Flying Cloud, Bill Booth, 2nd - Syndi-cat, Walt Meagher, 3rd - FayerTyde, Steph Brooks

In other news Grafix won her class at PSSR in Seattle on April 13th, Fred West also attended and had some interesting adventures. (like a mob, boat bumps plus 50k puffs. Il grand sporte, ey Fred?) Gary Shoenrock in Niye Keema participated in the Southern Straits race as a tune up for his planned Victoria to Maui campaign in June.

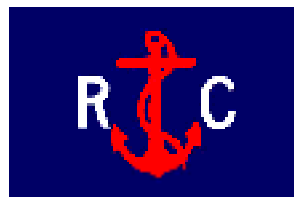
The Basement Report

Gas and water piping completed. Bill Bowman has a good start on his carpentry project. Scimitar will start work on the handicap parking pad next week. We're moving along.

“Glad it’s done!”



Paul Bergman's new home built boat, **Alakazam**, was finally launched Saturday April 27th! This is the culmination of 4 years effort and lots of money spent. Paul designed and built this boat which is based on the Mount Gay design class but is heavier and carries less sail area. Paul is aiming at doing the Pacific Cup race from San Francisco to Keneohe Bay in Hawaii in July. We all wish him fair winds and calm seas.



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

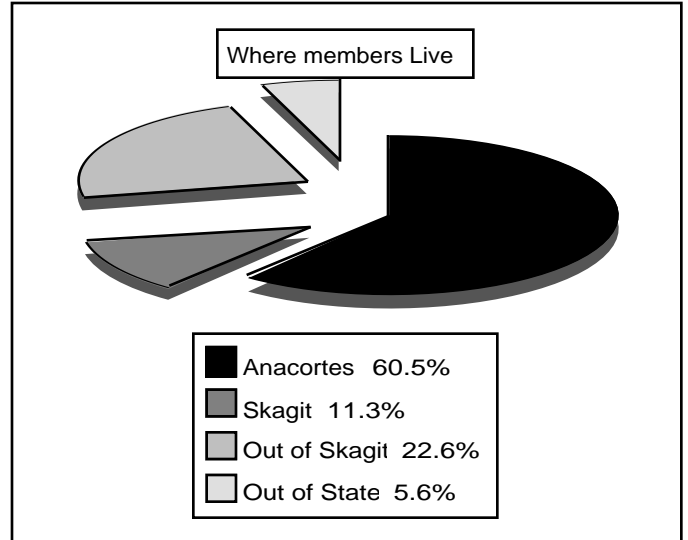
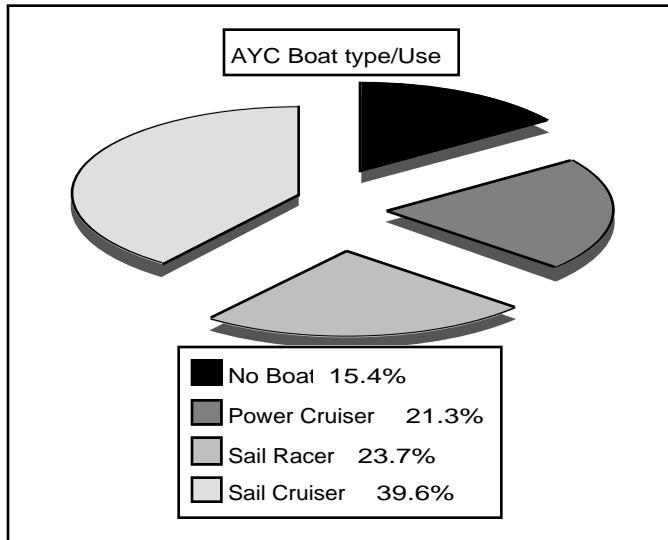
ANACORTES YACHT CLUB

WINDERMERE REGATTA

AYC Racers: Plan Ahead for this weekend to come out and support the 14th Annual Anacortes Yacht Club/Windermere Regatta.

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

Some Interesting Information about our Club



I think it would be useful to know the ages of our members. The AYC board could then plan activities for the various age groups. The data could be collected in conjunction with the annual dues notice. If you have any thoughts on this issue either way please shoot me an e mail. Thanks. sfswain@attbi.com

Schedule for May 2002

Wed, May 1	PHRF Race Corinthion I	Start 1830
Fri, May 3	Happy Hour	Open 1700
Sun, Mat 5	Lido "Open Dock" and Race	Start 1200
Wed, May 8	PHRF Race Corinthion II	Start 1830
Fri, May 10	Happy Hour & \$2.00 Nite	Open 1700
Sat, May 11	PHRF Race Hein Bank	Start 0800
Sat, May 11-12	Oak Harbor Cruise	
Sun, May 12	Lido Practice Racing	Start 1300
Wed, May 15	PHRF Race Corinthion III	Start 1830
Fri, May 17	Happy Hour	Open 1700
Sat, May 18-19	Lido S.O.C.K.S., Seattle	Start 1000
Fri, May 24	AYC Dinner & Open Bar	Open 1700
Sat, May 25-27	Garrison Bay Cruise	
Sun, May 26	Lido Race	Start 1300
Tue, May 28	Board Meeting	Start 1900
Fri, May 31	Happy Hour	Open 1700