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Anacortes Yacht Club's 111th Year

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From The Helm

If you were not at the last \$2.00 night, June 21st, you missed a delicious salad bar put on by Jane Carlson and her crew, a fun solstice celebration, and a lively brainstorming session about AYC club needs and activities! Under a variety of headings, potential ideas were discussed, supported, discarded and new ones brought forth. Under the social category there was general agreement that we should keep the \$2.00 nights, First Mates Luncheon, bowling and the monthly general meeting dinners.



In sailing, a couple of members were interested in starting a San Juan 21 fleet with no flying sails. Jack and Jill races and a woman's race sparked some interest.

Among the cruisers, continuation of the dry land cruises was supported but not in the summer months. A cruise for children and grandchildren were of interest while predicted log races found none. All in all, cruisers seemed to be pretty happy with the current cruising program.

The topic of facilities brought out the need for new equipment such as a commercial dishwasher, comfortable chairs and a new icemaker. Clubhouse expansion was considered with lively dialog. The membership seemed split on this subject indicating that much more discussion is needed. Updating the AYC Membership Roster with pictures of members was suggested and widely supported by the group present.

All in all, I felt the session was enlightening and worth while for getting your input on the direction you wish for the Board of Directors to take. I would like to thank all of you that attended and participated in the discussion. Those of you who were not able to attend, please let me or other board members know of your ideas or concerns. Your input is important to the successful operation of the club.

Bill Short, Commodore

14th Annual Anacortes Yacht Club/ Windermere Regatta.

Two days of racing, well maybe just one day. Saturday winds started out extremely good, great start of the first race – twice around only to discover that all the marks, including the committee, had taken upon themselves to reposition the course. Needless to say the first race was abandoned. After regrouping we had two more races for that day. Sunday was a bit of a calmer day but we successfully completed two races for a four-race regatta.



Waiting for the results

Division I

Grafix – Dave Martin & Tom Gilbert –AYC
Pangaea – Mac Madenwald – Anacortes
Raven – Chris Sherman – Anacortes

Division II

Guy Noir – Fred West – Anacortes
Nemesis – Chris White – Eastsound
Flying Circus – Eric Yaramko – Bellingham,

Division III

Inferno – Steve Orsini – Anacortes
Miles II Go – Dave Lowe – Anacortes
Handyman – Girts Rekevics – Anacortes

Division IV

Fresh Aire II – Jim O'Neill – Anacortes
Charisma – Nels Strandberg - Anacortes

AYC History



This Gentleman is Hiram March, one of the first Commodores of the Anacortes Yacht Club

“ ‘It was the grandest race ever sailed on Puget Sound.’ is the verdict of all who witnessed it, and being of international character, was a great victory for the

“Yankees” as our friends over the border termed it.”

The above, from a May, 1892, Anacortes American, is an account of a Victoria Sailing Regatta held on the celebration of the Queen’s birthday held in Victoria, B.C. In addition to the Anacortes Yacht Club, clubs from Bellingham, Vancouver, B.C. and Victoria participated in the spirited event.

“Commodore March, while watching the race from Beacon Hill, warped the lenses of his field glasses, wore out his cane and carried away his necktie.”

Sounds like Hiram was our kinda guy. ed



Another Fleet?

Some sailors, a bit long in the tooth, were gabbing about all the effort required to compete in the AYC racing program. Still wanting to compete the idea of a smaller class of boat was put forth. The Lidos are a tad too athletic for this group so a more benign vessel was sought. Cost was a factor as was availability. The boat should fit in a 26’ slip and/or be trailerable. The San Juan 21 seemed to fit the bill. If we can get about five or six folks to buy boats another good class racing effort can get underway. Go to this web site <<http://www.geocities.com/sj21fleet1/>> and look it over. If you are interested in this fleet idea, contact the Commodore.



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Report from Naye Keema on Vic-Maui Race

This is Josh, doing a guest editorial for Naye Keema, day 4. Well what an eventful 24hrs. Just after our last message, about 2000 last night, the winds and seas built steadily. Winds gusting to 40 kts and big seas, no one got much rest last night or much of today. The highlight of our unexpected squall, was Keith hauling in 2 20+ pound albacore tuna and storing them in the cockpit. It was a rough job cleaning the blue bullets, and then cleaning up the deck afterwards. We were rewarded this evening with a truly special meal of seared tuna steaks and veggies.

So although it was a rough day, moral is high and our bellies are full. Naye Keema took a pounding last night and she held up well. We had a few leaky hatches, lost the wind generator, and had some concerns about flexing of the hull near the bow. We have settled well into Gary's watch system and have plenty of food. I certainly wouldn't mind throwing the line in again tomorrow! Noon position today 45deg 25' 127deg 14'

Naye Keema is an Irwin 52-3 ketch skippered by Gary Schoenrock with navigator Keith Rubin and Craig Ashcraft all of AYC. Peter Graf, Artie Nickas and Joshua Thomson round out the crew. You can follow the race on the net <www.vicmaui.org>.



THE Basement

A small gang loaded two pick up trucks of AYC junque and hauled it to the dump to make room for the remaining construction in the basement. Bill finished up the insulation and had it inspected last Friday. The sheet rock was delivered Monday morning and is waiting for Lucky Bill to work his magic. A truck load of gravel should be arriving any day to fill in those spots along the new sidewalks. Onward.



Paul Bergman and Alakazam

Paul, along with his crewmen Walt Meagher and Dean Headstrom are headed to San Francisco with the 30' Alakazam in tow. The boat is entered in the Pacific Cup which starts on July 9th from San Francisco and finishes in Kaneohe Bay, Oahu. Paul has spent the last 4 years building Alakazam which is pure racer. You can track their progress on the net at <www.pacificcup.org>.

AYC's on the Water

We have two boats racing to Hawaii, a couple to Barkley Sound and a bunch on the Pub Cruise. The stay at home's get to beat up on each other in the Summer Fun Racing Series while the more aggressive will compete in Whidbey Race Week down in Oak Harbor. There's a Nonsuch Love In at Port Browning July 26-28 just in case you want to see a whole bunch of funny looking boats. Plan on the South Sound Cruise August 9 thru 24. See Dave Thomson's itinerary for this one.

Windemere Pics



Red roses for the boss



Neil's a happy camper

REGATTA THANK YOU'S

It came, it happened and it went. What a fun weekend for all who attended the 14th Annual Anacortes Yacht Club/Windermere Regatta.

There are so many people to thank once again for making this event another huge success. Keep in mind that if I have left any one out, I am sorry but you are and were appreciated as always.

First and foremost we need to say thank you to Windermere Real Estate of Anacortes for once again sponsoring this regatta. We are very pleased to have the pleasure of their sponsorship for the past 14 years. Here goes the list: Bill Bowman, Jennifer Bowman, Terry Dorn, Pat Barrett, Ron Elliott, Willie Gravely, Bill Short, Clarice Way, Jim O'Neill, Lin Folsom, Spencer Swain, Bill Booth and Linda Walz. The chef's extraordinaire, Bob Carlson, Dan Casey, Bill Larson, Chuck Mallary, Jim Morrell (guest chef from Montana) and last but not least Dave Thomson, head chef and organizer.

To our Committee Boat, Spellbinder, Skipper Cliff Harris and his assistant Bill Berry. Sharon Averill who was part of the committee boat and also presented gift certificates from West Marine to several boats.

Of course the weekend would not of been possible without the skippers and crews of the participating boats. We had boats from Oak Harbor, Eastsound, and of course Bellingham as well as an outstanding showing from the Anacortes fleet. Thank you for your continued support.

To Liz O'Neill, thanks for your support and work as co-coordinator of the event. It was great fun and I enjoyed it.

A special thank you to Warren Walz, who has done an outstanding job of being the race chairman for the past 14 years. You have been a real inspiration to work with & a bit of fun also. Thanks for the roses and the kind words.

To everyone at the Anacortes Yacht Club who attended the regatta festivities thank you once again for your support of the largest event that the club puts on. If you did not attend – well there is always next year.

Sincerely,
Pam Edwards-Harju
Co-coordinator

BOATING CUSTOMS & ETIQUETTE

The following notes and observations on marine customs and traditions, which evolve into that ambiguous term “etiquette”, are extracted from various sources with some liberties taken to make them relevant to modern boating. It is regrettable that many boaters spend their time afloat with little or no thought given to the customs and etiquette of recreational boating. Navies throughout the world, particularly the Royal Navy, and consequently those of the Commonwealth, including Canada’s, put much stock in traditions that have evolved over the years. Many of the ways in which these forces react and interact with one another are based on the traditions and customs that have evolved over centuries, and consequently have become “the way things are done” throughout the fleets of the world. Recreational boating customs and etiquette are thus derived from long established marine traditions, adjusted to a less formal format and applied on an entirely voluntary basis, with the realization that their boating activities can be more enjoyable and meaningful both to themselves and others with some knowledge and practice of doing things “the proper way”. With the CFSA’s close relationship with the Navy, perhaps it is appropriate that members adopt the practice of applying boating customs with pride and enthusiasm for “doing things right”.

A custom is defined as “the habitual practice, the usual way of doing a thing in given circumstances”. Such long-standing practices and procedures have usually developed out of trial and error over many years into the “best”, or “safest”, or “most appropriate” method. By adhering to yachting customs a boater is benefiting from long years of others’ experience - to defy custom is really to miss a fine opportunity. A love of boats and the sea should be accompanied by respect for the traditions, and for long established marine customs.

In lieu of a centerfold the above was taken from the Canadian Forces Sailing Association’s Annual. There is more and it will published as space permits.

AYC Schedule of Events for July 2002

July	05	Friday	1700	Open Bar
July	07	Sunday	1300	Lido Race
July	10	Wednesday	1830	Race Summer Fun II
July	12	Friday	1700	Open Bar, \$2.00 Night
July	14	Sunday	1300	Lido Race
July	17	Wednesday	1830	Race Summer Fun III
July	19	Friday	1700	Open Bar
July	20	Saturday		West Sound Cruise
July	21	Sunday	1300	Lido Race
July	23	Tuesday	1900	Board Meeting
July	26	Friday	1700	Open Bar, \$2.00 Night
July	28	Sunday	1300	Lido Race
July	31	Wednesday	1830	Race Summer Fun IV