



# KNOT NEWS

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## From the Helm

Hello, everyone.

Well, here I am writing a message as your new Commodore. I actually feel like I am writing it for someone else, when in reality I'm not. I am very excited and a bit nervous, but I'm looking forward to the coming year as Commodore. So here goes.



Throughout my year as Vice Commodore, I had many volunteers that contributed greatly to a very smooth, wonderful and successful year of organized social events, programs and, of course, the general meetings. To each of you, too many to name, but you know who you are, I simply say a huge thank you!

I encourage each and every one of you to be active in the Club and to volunteer your time and talents. We are very fortunate to have such great members and that is simply what makes us such a successful club. So when **Pat Barrett, Rear Commodore**, needs a hand at the bar or when **Vice Commodore Bill Booth** needs lots of hands for the General Meetings and the \$2.00 nights, I know you will continue to be vocal and say you will help.

Just a reminder that the Board Meetings are open to the membership and I encourage you to attend. If you have an item you want brought before the Board, please let me or one of the other Board members know. That is why you elected us, so put us to work! Check out your *Knot News* and roster for time and dates.

Please note the article regarding the "Commodore Ball." Send your RSVP to me at [pam@cnw.com](mailto:pam@cnw.com) or the yacht club message phone by January 7. It is go-

ing to be a very special evening. I wish each of you a New Year filled with peace and happiness. Until next month, Cheers!

Pam Edwards-Harju, Commodore

## Don't Miss the Commodore's Ball

This dinner is to honor Bill Short, our Commodore for 2002. The deadline for reservations has been extended to Tuesday, January 7, 2003. If you have any questions or concerns, please just call me at home (360 293-5277) or e-mail me ([pam@cnw.com](mailto:pam@cnw.com)). I will be happy to help in any way that I can. If you have made your reservation - thank you very much.

**JANUARY 11, 2003**

**NORTHERN LIGHTS SWINOMISH CASINO**

**NO HOST COCKTAILS, 6PM**

**DINNER BUFFET, 7PM**

**A MENU TO MELT IN YOUR MOUTH**

**PRICE \$25.00 PER PERSON**

Dancing will be by a new DJ to us - I think everyone will enjoy the music and of course the dancing. --Pam Edwards-Harju

## \$2 Night Set for January 24

There will be a \$2.00 Night on January 24 at 6:00 pm. This will take the place of the General Meeting due to the Commodore's Ball. Baked potatoes with assorted toppings will be offered by cooks Bill and Marcia Short.

## How to contact AYC Board Members

### Commodore - Pam Edwards-Harju

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### Rear Commodore - Pat Barrett

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### Secretary - Brenda Cheaqui

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### Treasurer - Warren Walz

293-0601, www.wncpa.com

Phone numbers and email address for the remaining six Board members will be published in the February edition of the Knot News.

## Land Cruise to Victory a Success

The annual Victoria Land Cruise was a delight again this year. The Christmas decorations at the Empress alone are worth the cost of the trip: just beautiful. The weather was great, the shopping costly, and dinner Friday evening at the Sticky Wicket Pub a lot better than you might guess. Highlight of the weekend was the dinner and entertainment at the Blethering Place in Oak Bay - good, old-fashioned, stick-to-your-ribs British pub food and hilarious entertainment. Plus, the British, Scottish and Irish songs wetted many an eye.

Four couples participated: Karen and Dave Thomson; Marcia and Bill Short; Brenda and Bill Cheaqui; and Laura and Harry Ree. A good time was had by all.

--Dave & Karen Thomson, Captains

## Knot News Needs Your Help

I do need your help with the *Knot News*. It is impossible for me to attend the many AYC events every month and I would appreciate brief articles describing what took place along with a photo or two (.jpg or .tiff format). Don't worry about formatting your material or even proofreading. We'll take care of that. Please send contributions via either email or snail mail. --George Hatfield, Editor, 4110 Kingsway, Anacortes, WA 98221, (360) 588-1443, gphatfield2@attbi.com

## Photos from the Christmas Party

After a great meal, each person got a ticket and when their number was called could then pick a gift. There was a caveat, however. If someone wanted the gift you just picked out, they could give you their ticket and claim your gift as their own. This could be done twice. So it got to be quite hilarious as the evening went on. I got ripped off twice but managed to get my original gift back. Great fun. --Spencer Swain



## New Members

New members for December:

Monty & Elsie Wood  
19027 - 107th Place NE  
Bothell, WA 98011  
Home phone: (425) 486-4855  
Boat: Albin 33, "Lollipop"

Please contact me if you know of anyone interested in joining our Club. I will be happy to follow-up.  
--Dave Thomson, Membership Chairman, (360) 293-7900, [eltortuga@attbi.com](mailto:eltortuga@attbi.com)

## Race Schedule for 2003



Foul Weather Regatta	Sat/Sun	February 22, 23
Champagne Series	Saturday	March 8, 15, 19
Tulip Regatta	Saturday	April 5
Helm Bank	Saturday	April 26
Corinthian Series	Wednesday	May 7, 14, 28
Windermere Regatta	Sat/Sun	June 7, 8

The rest of this year's race schedule can be found on the AYC website (<http://www.anacortes.net/ayc/>).



**AYC "Low Tide Tea Party" on the 2002 Victoria Cruise...**  
**See the 2003 cruise schedule on the last page**

## Dues Change Approved by Board

At the December AYC Board meeting, the Board members approved a motion to increase the annual dues from \$135 to \$150 beginning in January, 2004. This will be the first dues increase since 1995. This increase is in large part due to inflation. Even after the increase, members will be paying less in dues when adjusted for inflation than members did in 1995.

Even though there is a fair amount of money in the AYC savings account, the Board projects some possible expenses that could deplete these funds. The additional dues collected beginning in 2004 should help provide enough cash to cover expenses without going into debt. Our club has an unwritten policy of not going into debt. Some of the expenses the Board anticipates in the next few years are: a new roof for the building, finishing the decorating and furnishing of the down stairs room, bringing the kitchen up to code, and the possible purchase of a strip of land adjacent to AYC's property from the Anacortes Parks and Recreation Department to be used for future club parking. --Bill Short



## Reciprocal Chairman Needed

I have enjoyed the job of Reciprocal Chairman for the AYC for the past nine years or so, but having reached my eightieth year I feel it is time to pass along the job to a younger person who has a little time to spare and also a computer. The job consists record keeping and letter writing, checking the incoming mail from reciprocal clubs, making corrections and sending out our annual letter to all reciprocal clubs informing them of our officer changes, and changes to our reciprocal conditions, as well as acting as liaison with the Port of Anacortes. I will assist and guide the new Chairman for the first year as required. Please apply for this position to the Commodore or visit a regular board meeting to volunteer. --Ray Connell

## **Tentative AYC 2003 Cruise Schedule**

The next meeting of the Cruise Committee will be at 7:00 pm, January 14, 2003 at the AYC. The following is a tentative schedule built around races, other clubs and activities at those ports. We would like to have a lot of people out to help with the 2003 cruises.

--Phil Case, Cruise Chairman

February 22-23, Foul Weather Race & Cruise

March 22, Land Cruise to Vancouver, BC

April 12-13, Friday Harbor Shakedown Cruise

April 26-27, Saddlebag Island Clean Up

May 3-4, Sucia Island Cruise & Race

May 23-26, Garrison Bay Cruise

June 7-8, Waldron Island Cruise

June 28 - July 6, Pub Cruise and Gulf Islands Cruise

July 25-27, Port Townsend Cruise

Aug. 2-3, Bellingham Cruise

Aug. 9-17, South Sound Cruise

Aug. 29 - Sept. 1, Victoria Classic Boat Cruise

Sept. 13-21, Commodore Cruise

Oct. 4-5, Blakely Island Race & Cruise

Oct. 11-12, Reid Harbor Wine & Cheese Cruise

Nov. 15-17, Land Cruise to be determined

Dec. 6-8, 2002, Land Cruise to be determined

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