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From the Helm



Hello everyone

Welcome to the month of February, which actually is the start of several programs, including racing, cruising and the Lido program. All the calendars have been completed for the following year and are posted

on our web site for you to check out.

For those who did not attend the Commodore Ball, you missed a grand evening. We had 86 in attendance, which is a record over the past few years. The food was excellent, the room was very festive and, with good friends, it was a perfect evening.

A progress report of the Multi-Purpose Room: the Decorating Committee comprised of Chairperson, Barbara Ritts, Karen Thomsen, Jerica Carsberg, Dick Smock, and myself have been meeting regularly. You will within the next month see some definite progress being made.

Here are some upcoming events for the month of February. There is a \$2.00 night on February 7th. The Racing season will begin on February 22nd & 23rd with the annual trip to Fisherman's Bay on Lopez. This is not only for racers, but cruisers as well. Everyone is welcome to attend. Chris Sherman and Fred West will have all the information regarding this fun, not to miss, event. Then back to tradition on the 28th, which will be the first General Meeting of the New Year. This is being organized by your Vice Commodore, Bill Booth. Of course the bar is open every Friday night from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. Our Rear Commodore, I am told, has some interesting evenings planned, so stay tuned for the details.

The end of February is the designated delivery of the 2003 Rosters. Kim Saterlee has been working very hard on this project and for that I thank her. The Rosters will be given out at the General Membership Meeting on February 28th.

Also, the Board Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesdays of each month. You have elected an exceptional group of people to represent the yacht club for the next year. As I said last month, any concerns, questions or items you want to bring to our attention, let us know. You elected us so put us to work for the good of the club.

Until next month, Cheers, Pam ☺

From Your Vice-Commodore

We are underway for our 2003 club activities. A Two-Buck Night featuring a wonderful baked potato feed was put on by Bill and Marcia Short on January 24. Many thanks for a job well done.

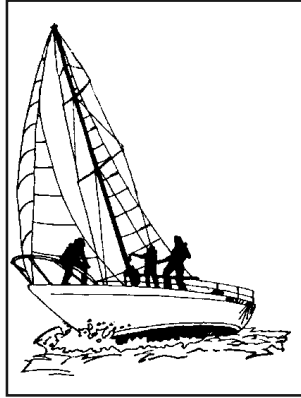
The next Two-Buck Night will be on Friday, February 7 – menu to be announced. Our February General Meeting will held on Friday, the 28th, and dinner will be lasagna, salad, and dessert. The evening's program will be a presentation by our Lin Folsom relating her adventures on a Trans-Aleutian/Bering Sea cruise she took with 150 other folks on a small cruise ship.

I would like to extend a cordial (desperate?) invitation to any of my fellow members who would be interested in helping me with the food for our events this year. Please email me at windhog@attbi.com or call 299-6610, if you would like to volunteer. Also, I would like to schedule a meeting of all of those interested for Tuesday, February 5 at 7 pm at the club.

Bill Booth, AYC, Vice Commodore

Racing Program is Underway

The traditional Foul Weather Race will be held Saturday and Sunday, February 22 and 23. It will start in Guemes Channel and run through Thatcher Pass around the north end of Lopez to Fisherman's Bay. There will be overnight moorage available for Saturday night as well as a catered awards dinner for the race. You can sign up for the race at the Club as late as Friday, February 22. Check with me or Chris Sherman for additional details.



The 2003 Race Packets will be finished and available to purchase starting on February 14th at the club during the bar hours. You can also contact me and I can get a packet to you.

Windermere Regatta is the race program's biggest event, June 7th and 8th and we are starting the planning. I am looking for volunteers to help with on the water race management and for food service volunteers. Please contact me, Fred West (Regatta chair), e-mail fred@voyageryachts.com or cellular (360) 929-1726.

New Chairs for Clubhouse

WOW! Have you been in the clubhouse lately? If not, you should go soon and see the new chairs that adorn the upstairs area. The chairs are a gift to the club from Larry and Linda Newland. Late last September, Larry approached me and indicated that he would like to do something for the club to demonstrate the enjoyment that he and Linda have derived from the club while living in Anacortes. After reviewing several suggestions, they decided to purchase some new chairs for the club since the old ones were uncomfortable for many people and were a safety hazard due to tripping. The chairs arrived on January 13th. What a big difference in the looks of the clubhouse and comfort for members. If you get a chance, please express your thanks to Larry and Linda for their most generous contribution to AYC. --Bill Short, Past Commodore

Cruise Awards for 2002

We had 46 boats take part in the 2002 cruises. Some cruises were 100 plus miles (Barkley Sound), while others were as short as 19.5 miles (West Sound). There were 15 water cruises and 3 land cruises in all and we will do more and better this year.

The following Cruise Awards for 2002 were presented at January's Commodore's Ball in recognition of exceptional contributions to the club cruises.

Cruise captain 2 or more times:

- Ken and Betsy Cave on *Dragon Tail*
- Bill and Marcia Short on *Friendship*
- David and Karen Thomson on *Tortuga*

Active participation in club cruises:

- Bruce and Cynthia Backlund on *Sea Star* (6)
- Phil and Madelyn Case on *In The Mood* (7)
- Pete and Linda Harbers on *Harber Lights* (5)
- Bill and Marcia Short on *Friendship* (8)
- David and Karen Thomson on *Tortuga* (5)

New members who have joined and become active in club cruises:

- Roger and Jane Wrights on *Anticipation*
- Steve Dubnoff and Mariana Lowe on *Pyxis*
- Wayne Schaub on *Madrisa*

If you are interested in getting involved, please contact me. We can always use new blood, information, and opinions. The 2003 schedule can be found on the Club's website. --Phil Case, Cruise Chair

Highlights of the 2002 Racing Season

All things considered, it was a very good year for AYC racing. Here are some highlight of the year.

AYC started the year with the Foul Weather race to Fisherman Bay with lots of wind and *Ravin* showing everybody her "roostertails."

Grafix went south to compete in Seattle's South Sound Series, doing well in her class.

Pangaea traveled north for Southern Straights in Victoria, No wind.....

Several boats went west to compete in Swiftsure, no wind again. *Guy Noir* was one of the very few to finish.

Niye Keema also had trouble with the wind on their quest west in the Vic Maui race. The crew said it was long (21 days), but comfortable.

Local crazy, Paul Bergman decided to build a 30-foot boat in his back yard and then sail it to Hawaii. Along with two other mental suspects, HE DID!!!!

Wendy Grey took *Wired* north to Bellingham with an all women crew (only all-women boat) to compete in their "Women On the Water," taking 2nd.

AYC had a very respectable showing at Whidbey Island Race Week with several boats making the trip south to Oak Harbor.

Our local races averaged 14 boats with as high as 25 showing up on one occasion. Fred West and a steady crew on *Guy Noir* took Boat of the Year in "A" fleet, while local sailing guru Girtz Rekevics and his "ringers" cleaned up in "B" fleet with Boat of the Year.

The end of the year race/cruise to Blakley Island was a huge success with lots of boats on the course and in the slips. --Ron Elliott, Race Chair

How to contact AYC Board Members

Last month the five officers on the Board were listed. Here are the remaining members of the AYC Board of Directors.

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Photos from the Commodore's Ball



Dick and Laura Smock received the Inspiration Award



Retiring Board Member Girts Rekevics received an award for his years of service



A good time was had by all!

AYC February Events

\$2 Night, February 7

Foul Weather Race, February 22, 23

General Meeting, February 28

Past Commodore's Remarks

As your outgoing Commodore, I made several points regarding the future of the AYC in my message at the Commodore's Ball. First, there is a need to try new activities to bring healthy change, even though some may fail. Activities that were tried during the last year and were successful are the \$2.00 nights, bowling outings, and the three land cruises. Unfortunately, there were also some failures such as the women's luncheon, game night, and men's night out. We need to continue to experiment with new programs for our members.

I also noted that there is a need to encourage young families, many of which have limited incomes, to get involved in boating. That would include encouraging the Port of Anacortes to build a launching ramp and have activities that would encourage people with trailerable boats and smaller moored boats to join the club.

A third point that was made is the need to cater to all age groups; for example, from youth sailing to activi-

ties for members who no longer have a boat, such as land cruises in the summer and winter dinner programs.

AYC is not only strong in membership growth and retention, but is also financially strong. We should continue to do well in the years to come. --Bill Short, Past Commodore

US Customs has Moved

The local US Customs office has moved to Cap Sante Marina. Their new address is 1019 Q Avenue, Suite F, which is in the same side of the building as the harbormaster. Their telephone number remains the same: 293-2331. The office is open 7 days a week from 8am to 5pm. Kim Satterlee

Contributions to Knot News

Send articles, photos and other items of interest to AYC members to George Hatfield, Editor, 4110 Kingsway, Anacortes, 98221, email gphatfield2@attbi.com.

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