



# KNOT NEWS

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## From the Helm

Dear Members,

Well, here it is the end of February, all is very good at the Anacortes Yacht Club.

Last weekend was the beginning of boating season – combining the racers and cruisers for the annual Foul Weather Race to Fisherman Bay on Lopez Island.

A special thank you to Chris Sherman, Scott Milo Gallery, for organizing the event, good food, fairly good wind for some, with a great time being had by all.

As you are probably aware, at the General Meeting that was held on February 28, the 2003 AYC Rosters were handed out. I want to take this opportunity to thank Kim Satterlee for taking on this project. She did an awesome job in not only gathering the proper information, but also getting the project done in a timely manner. It was indeed a pleasure to work with her. Also, for working on the roster project a thank you to Linda Walz, who has been proof reading the roster for several years. Last, but not least, to Dick Werner, who goes out and secures all the advertising for the roster. Thanks again for another successful year of a great job. So, when you read your roster think about the businesses who advertise and think of them first. Thanks to all three of you - good job once again!

Thank you to everyone who responded to the request for what to do with the chairs. Lots of good thoughts. The final decision was to donate (the orange chairs only) to the Anacortes Girls and Boys Club. Hopefully they will get many more years of wear out of them.



The Decorating Committee will be hitting the room, so to speak, during the month of March. Check it out every so often to see the progress that is being made.

The month of March will be the actual start of the PHRF, Lido and Cruising season. Whether you are racing or cruising, enjoy the wonderful weather.

New Members that were voted on at the recent Board of Directors Meeting are Norman and Claudia Havercroft. They live in LaConner and we are very happy to have them join the Anacortes Yacht Club. They will not be able to attend the February General Meeting, but will for sure be at the March meeting for everyone to meet and greet.

If there are any Past Commodores who have not had their picture taken for the AYC wall, please contact Mark Pearson. He is in the roster and has all the information. We need you to be there.

Thank you one and all for your support and kind words. Keep in mind that we are volunteers and that is what makes it all work so well.

See ya next month. Cheers, Pam ☺

## AYC March Social Events

Two Buck Night, 7 pm, March 14

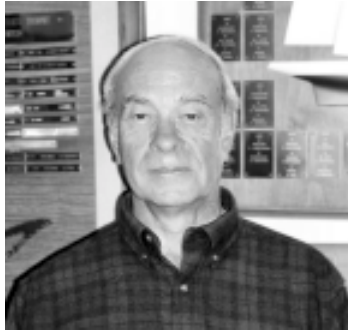
Vancouver Land Cruise, March 22

General Meeting, 7pm, March 28

See page 2 for details.

## From the Vice Commodore

Our March 2-Buck night will be on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> and will feature home made soups and breads. The event is being organized by Phil and Madelyn Case. Please contact them if you wish to contribute a cauldron or a loaf or two of your favorite recipe. Come on down and knock the early spring chill out of your bones! Our March general meeting will be held on Friday the 28th with a menu and program to be announced. For both of these events, the bar opens at 6pm and the dinner will start at 7pm. --Bill Booth, Vice Commodore



## Lido News

Another season of small boat sailing is rapidly approaching. For those want-to-be America's Cup sailors, remember it all starts with the little boats. The best way to get the feel for the sails and rules of the racing game is by sailing or crewing on the small boats. Our club uses Lido 14 boats (2 person, 2 sails) and sail every Sunday afternoon. We invite any prospective participant to either come to the dinghy dock at noon Sunday or call George Way (293-7305) or Steve Orsini (293-5689) with any questions. We would especially encourage the "big boat" crews to consider spending some time on the small boats to enhance their sailing skills.



As the season progresses, I will keep the club members apprised of available boats, dock space, regattas, and seminars. There are currently spaces available for boats on the club dock for \$260 per year, April 1 – March 31. The typical cost of a used Lido 14 is about \$1,000.

Our Lido 14 season will begin with an organizational meeting on March 8 at noon at the club with a race afterwards. From then on, Sunday afternoons, we try to start our first race at 1pm. The race season lasts until our Fleet 78 Championships, October 12. Upcoming events include Dinghy Day in Oak Harbor, April 12, and SOCKS at Shilshole May 17-18. We look forward to another great season of skill building, competition, and camaraderie. --George Way, Captain, Fleet 78

## Vancouver Land Cruise Planned

Join the group for a land cruise to Vancouver, BC on March 22. Plan to leave AYC at 8:30am to allow time to get through the border. We will meet at Parker Place Mall @ 4380 No.3 Road, Richmond, BC. Plan to arrive before 11:00 am if you want a place to park. Parking is also available on the roof.

Directions to Parker Place Mall: Take 99 North to Westminster Highway, Exit 36. Once you exit, turn left at the traffic light heading west on Westminster Highway. Turn right on No. 3 Road. The mall will be on your right just past Leslie Road. Tour the Mall with Meilen as tour guide and coach for the "Money Spending Contest." Lunch will be at 1pm at Floata Seafood Restaurant, one of the best Chinese food restaurants in Vancouver. Check out the menu at [www.floata.com](http://www.floata.com).

You can return home on your own schedule. Some people are planning to stay over Saturday night and drive back on Sunday. Maybe Saturday dinner at the RVYC. We are told there are some good Jazz places to catch that evening. E-mail me if you are planning to join us. --Spencer Swain, [sfswain@attbi.com](mailto:sfswain@attbi.com) or call (360) 293-0706

## Foul Weather Race Report

On Saturday, February 22, the weather broke giving the 25 boats a 8 kn westerly under very sunny skies. After a practice start, the boats got off to a crowded pin-end start. Everyone sailed a port tack to Thatcher Pass. The few boats that made it through Thatcher before the wind shut off and the ebb maxed out would

be the only ones with a chance for “hardware” Saturday night. Those that didn’t.....TOAST!

Saturday night there was a good meal and the awards ceremony at the Galley Restaurant on Lopez Island. The results: 1st-Grafix/Tom Gilbert, 2nd-Raven/Chris Sherman, 3rd-Pangaea/Mac Madenwald. Sunday showed bright and windy, and about a dozen boats took part in an informal race home with Raven showing the way again. --Ron Elliott, Race Chair

P.S. Here is a picture of the “Winners.” The little one down in front is a groupie that keeps showing up at our events; maybe someone knows who she belongs to???



## **Knot News Want Ads Available for AYC Members**

Members of AYC can submit ads to the *Knot News*. Ads must be for boating related items and will be run as space allows. Each ad must be submitted each month. The deadline is normally the last Friday of the month. If you have any questions about the deadline or format, please contact me. To start things out, here are a couple of items I would like out of my garage. --George Hatfield, Editor

Raymarine L365 Fishfinder with transom mount transducer (300 watts, 50/200 kHz, temp/speed). Approximately 1.5 years old and works well. \$199 new, priced at \$50. Call George at (360) 588-1443

Deluxe Echomaster Radar Reflector by Davis, like new. New \$67.99, priced at \$25. Call George at (360) 588-1443.

## **Lin Folsom’s Arctic Adventure**



The February General Meeting featured a presentation by AYC member Lin Folsom concerning her recent cruise to the Bering Sea. The Clipper Cruise Line (<http://www.clippercruise.com/>) specializes in small ships and cruises to remote areas. The focus of this 12 day cruise, on the 365-foot *Clipper Adventurer*, was the observation of the many birds and other wildlife living in these remote areas. The cruises include interesting programs about the wildlife, anthropology, geology, and history of this region which are presented by experts in these areas. Of the 125 passengers, about a third were “birders.” The cruise started in Nome, Alaska, and preceded south to the Pribilof Islands and then on to the Aleutians including the Islands of Four Mountains and Attu. The latter island was occupied by the Japanese in WWII and it was interesting to see the remnants of the battle to retake the island. The ship then continued west to Russian territory including the Komandor Islands, and Petropavlovsk on the Kamchatka Peninsula. These areas have been hard hit by the fall of the USSR, but the countryside was a sight to behold. In Petropavlovsk Lin took a helicopter excursion to the Valley of the Geysers, where there are several active volcanic mountain peaks. I think most of us would not have been so brave as to get on that helicopter! A very interesting presentation which we all enjoyed. Thank you, Lin! And a special thanks also to Bill and Pat Booth who prepared a wonderful dinner. --George Hatfield



*Clipper Adventurer*

## Small Boat Launching Facility in the Works



Members from AYC have been meeting with officials from the Anacortes City Parks and Recreation Department and the Anacortes Port to investigate the possibility of building a small boat launching facility. The facility would hopefully have storage capacity for small boats. It would be designed for boats 20 feet or less. The location that is under consideration is P Dock, or just east of it, and just south of the AYC clubhouse. The purpose of this launch is to provide access for rowers and sailors since Washington Park and Twin Bridges are not suitable for them due to distance, winds and tides. The Anacortes Yacht Club members who are working on this project are Pat Barrett, Dale Fowler, Bill Short, and Spencer Swain. --Bill Short, Past Commodore

## New Members

Vic & Betty Childs, 808 - 33rd Street, Anacortes, WA 98221, home phone: 360-299-9017, email: radio.flyer@verizon.net, boat: "Radio Flyer," Columbia Sabre 32'

Norman & Claudia Havercroft, 708 Shelter Bay Drive, La Conner, WA 98257, home phone: 360-466-2346, email: mayday@sos.net, boat: "Parasol," Beneteau 51'

Please welcome these new members to our Club.  
--Dave Thomson, Membership Chairman

## Contributions to *Knot News*

Please send articles, photos and other items of interest to AYC members to George Hatfield, Editor, 4110 Kingsway, Anacortes, 98221, email gphatfield2@attbi.com. The publication deadline is normally the last Friday of the month.

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