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From the Helm

Dear Members,

Happy Spring to everyone.

Looking not only at the calendar, but also with the sunshine, it is definitely boating season. How fortunate we are to live in an area where we are not only surrounded by water, but where you can also drive through the valley in the early spring and see the magnificent colors in the fields.

To keep you updated as to what is happening at the Anacortes Yacht Club.... When you attend a Friday night function or a General Meeting, please stop by and check out the Multi-Purpose Room. Things are progressing very nicely. The goal is to have it 98% completed by the end of April. The 2%, well you know there is always something that isn't just quite right. The outside and inside of the club are looking very well, thanks to our landscape gentlemen and our new cleaning person. We all very much appreciate having those tasks being taken care of.

On the 26th of April, Oak Harbor Yacht Club is cruising over to spend the weekend in Anacortes. AYC will entertain them on Saturday night. Yes, folks, I am once again going to be in the kitchen, so sign up; you know it will be good.

Just a few remarks about the recent Board of Directors Meeting. The Board agreed to donate to the Anacortes Youth Sailing Club about \$1400, for the insurance premium for this worthwhile program. A thank you to Jennifer and Bill Bowman for building the dock box to store sailing gear. This is located at the end of Q dock where AYC has its float. Mike Keller, of Scott Richards Insurance, gave a presen-

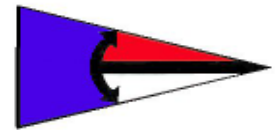


tation regarding increasing the coverage of our policy to cover the recent work done downstairs. Also in appreciation of the support and use of the chase boat, the Lido 14 Fleet 78 has donated \$200 to the club. Thank you very much.

That about winds up another message from the Commodore. I trust all of you are keeping our troops in your thoughts. Keep in mind how fortunate we are to live in this beautiful part of the world. Any comments or questions, please just either call or e-mail me.

Until next month, Cheers ☺, Pam

Oak Harbor YC is Coming to Town



Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 26th, and make your reservations to come on down for a OHYC & AYC get together. Your hostess and chef for the evening will be myself and those wonderful volunteers who have agreed to assist.

Menu will consist of the following: steak, baked potatoes with all the trimmings, green salad, accompanied by a simply wonderful scrumptious sinful (not ice cream) dessert.

Price - \$10.00 per person

Bar Opens at 5:30 pm; Dinner at 7:00 pm

RESERVATIONS A MUST – THE FINAL DEADLINE IS APRIL 20th

So make your reservation; it will be an evening you will not want to miss. Either call 360-293-5277 or e-mail me at pam@cnw.com. --Pam, Commodore

Notes and Announcements from Steerage

Ok, it's my job to keep the building in order, take reservations and organize rental of the club, and to most... keep the bar in working order with the things you need... and want.

Tulip Regatta – Saturday, April 5th. This is an annual invitational regatta and all are invited to come join the fun after the races on Saturday. Dave Thomson and his crack crew of barbecue experts will be serving up some fine food. Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. Come find out what a great group of sailors we have and listen to their stories about the day of sailing.

Martini Night is scheduled for Friday, April 11th. With Steve Tomas' and Bob Carlson's expertise it will be a grand night of libation and fun. Invite your spouses, significant others and friends to stop by for a grand evening of smiles and laughs. Might want to bring your designated driver.

A few weeks ago our own Club "Poet Laureate" and past Commodore, Keith Rubin, graced us with his original (mostly) composition titled: "13 foot 7," an ode to Gary Schoenrock and *Cassiopeia*. What a great laugh and fun Friday evening entertainment it was. Billy Collins has nothing on Keith. If you too have a reading... come to the Club on Fridays and show us what you've got.

We have a great core of volunteers this year helping out with bartending and they have been doing a phenomenal job of stepping forward to keep the libation flowing. Thanks in particular for their help and input to: Dave Thomson, Steve Tomas, Bob Carlson, Maury and Helene Fink, Dick and Laura Smock, Bruce Backlund, Spencer Swain, John Moody, Bill Short, Ron Elliot, and Marv Klinger. Without your stepping up to the plate to help, I'd be crazier than I already am. These folks help in many ways, so when you see them... tell them thanks!



**Volunteer Bartenders
Marv Klinger and
John Moody**

We have over 30 people who are on the bartender/food server list. If you want to help on Fridays or other club events and I have not contacted you and asked for help... please contact me. Your help will be greatly appreciated. Please e-mail @ patbarrett@attbi.com or 293-9377.

If you have ideas to make the Club better, please let me know. Remember... Life is Short... Sail Fast! --Pat Barrett, Rear Commodore

2003 Rosters and Plans for the Future

By now, everyone should have their copy of the 2003 AYC Rosters. We were able to get the roster distributed in a timely manner due to the racing and cruising programs getting their 2003 schedules in place by the first part of January, so a big thank you to George Way, Fred West, and Phil Case.

In the 2004 roster, we plan on having pictures of our members so watch the *Knot News* for information on this. If you have suggestions for the 2004 roster, please drop me an e-mail at: e.liberty@verizon.net.

Also note this updated address and phone number for Phil and Charlotte Stern: 3514 Malland Court, Anacortes, WA 98221, 360-293-7514 --Kim Satterlee

March General Meeting

Who would have thought? An interesting talk on the Anacortes Department of Public Works! Bob Hyde, the Director, spoke at the General Meeting, March 28. He did a great job of describing the various functions of the Department, but more importantly showed us why we have one of the best Public Works departments in the state. If you are interested in knowing more, go to the City website at http://www.cityofanacortes.org/under_departments. Their on-line DPW newsletter is very impressive. Thanks again, Bob. Thanks also to the volunteer cooks that helped prepare the steak barbecue. Great turnout, meal, and speaker! --George Hatfield



Bob Hyde

Annual Sucia Island Cruise

Mark your calendar for the annual cruise to Sucia Island, May 3 and 4.

- Lots of hiking, beach sitting, socializing, and napping. Spontaneous activities encouraged (dinghy race, Hawaiian shirt contest, boat christening, or whatever).
- Saturday evening bonfire and cookout following cocktail hour. Bring your own meat, a passing dish, and maybe an hors d'oeuvre. Also your beverage of choice. Plus a couple of pieces of firewood, if there is room on your boat.
- The official title this year is, "Sucia Cruise and Race", and Fred West is eager to provide a start for interested racers. So join the fun.

This is a family friendly cruise and Sucia is a family friendly island. Bring your kids (or grandkids).

Questions? call Dick or Laura Smock, 293-7464.

April Programs

The first of our April activities will be a Two-Buck night featuring a "Martini Night" at the bar. I am told that they will make them to your EXACT specifications! The menu for the event is a surprise. Many thanks for a job well done by Phil and Madelyn Case for our wonderful Soup Night in March.

Our April general meeting will held on Friday, the 25th with dinner menu to-be-announced. The evening's program will be a presentation by Clint & Sarah Eckstein on their global circumnavigation. Wow – what an adventure!

My invitation continues to any of my fellow members who would be interested in helping me with the food for our events this year. Please e-mail me at windhog@attbi.com or call 299-6610 if you would like to volunteer. --Bill Booth, Vice Commodore

April 11	Martini Night
April 12/13	Friday Harbor Cruise
April 22	Board Meeting
April 25	General Meeting
April 26	Oak Harbor YC Dinner

Small Boat Racing

Anacortes Sailing Club: This year nearly 30 kids signed up to sail with Anacortes Sailing Club (ASC). The club's practices are scheduled are Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, and they are strongly encouraged to turn out for Fleet 78's races on Sunday. On Saturdays, the club attends regattas hosted by one of the high school sailing teams in our area.

This month, ASC hosted a regatta with Friday Harbor on one weekend and then on the next weekend, traveled to Poulsbo for a regatta with the North Kitsap team. March has lived up to its reputation for "in like a lion and out like a lamb." Early in the month, the kids weren't able to get on the water because of high winds, and late in the month, we've been practicing in little to almost no wind. The team will be traveling to Sand Point the weekend of March 29 & 30 to participate in a kickoff regatta with all the regional high school teams.

At this month's AYC board meeting, Fred Abelman made ASC's annual pitch to the Yacht Club to fund our insurance needs. The Board voted unanimously to continue funding ASC's insurance, and we thank you heartily for supporting this great opportunity for the kids of Anacortes. With your support, we are seeing kids come up through the Anacortes Parks and Rec's sailing program, go through the Sailing Club's high school program, and then on to the sailing programs at Western Washington and the University of Washington. Three Cheers!

Lido Fleet 78: The March winds have also affected the Lido fleet, blowing us off the water the second

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Soup Night at the Club



March Soup Night at the Club; 37 shipmates attended to feast on soup prepared by eight members. The soup was great and all had a good time. --Phil Case

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week of the season. Last Sunday five boats made it out with Emily Hawken on the committee boat.

Last summer, Garrett Johns placed first in the Silver Fleet at the Lido National Championships that were held in Sequim Bay. Garrett hasn't made it out yet because he's still upgrading his boat to the latest hot updates that were allowed this year by the International Lido organization.

Sailboat racing is a great way to learn how to sail well, but racing dinghies is a great way to learn how to race well. Racing these one design boats guarantees that the starts, the roundings, and the finishes will always be close and competitive – which requires a fluent knowledge of the rules along with excellent boat handling skills. On an approach to a mark rounding, it's common to hear a discussion between several boats about who has rights and what rule applies!

If you'd like to give dingy racing a try, come on down to the end of Q-dock – there's usually a boat looking for crew. This is an open invitation to anyone interested in sailing Lidos – Sundays, at the dock at 12:30, first race 1:00 pm. See you there. -- George Way

Post Point Race a "Blast" (from the SE)

By all reports, the Post Point Race was a challenge. Here is a report from Vic Childs regarding his experiences on *Radio Flyer*. That's sea spray the lens!



The race to Post Point looked like it was going to be a blast. The race started in about 14-18 knots of breeze, but as we got closer to Bellingham the wind and the waves

increased to 25 knots, with higher gusts. Here is a photo I was able to squeeze off while holding on for dear life. What a wild ride! I hope the rest of the fleet fared better than the *Radio Flyer*. We broke the gooseneck on the boom. With only the jib up we were still seeing 7-8 knots. Later, at the rounding mark the spinnaker decided to go swimming by leaping out of its turtle. It

was with great effort and persistence that we were able to recover it at all. We decided that a downwind slide into Bellingham would be the better side of reason. *Radio Flyer* was safely tucked in at the Bellingham Yacht Club's reciprocal moorage until we brought her back under less challenging conditions. --Vic Childs

Member Ads

26' Fiberglass Thunderbird... 1979, Lane hull with modified deck, Atlas keel, alum mast and boom, mylar genoa on Schaeffer roller furling forestay. 8 HP Honda four stroke ob, DS, KM. Very nice interior with cushions. Moored at N17 in Cap Sante. \$13,500 Call Chuck Mallory, 360-293-4267.

Trimaran Partnership... Krystal Ki (key) is a Cross 33' trimaran located in Anacortes. She has a 10-HP diesel engine, propane stove, new 10-yr copper epoxy bottom paint, hard dodger, radar, 6 ft head room, and 2 double bunks. I will consider \$3500 down and monthly payments. Call Bill Bowman 360-299-3766, crystalb@fidalgonet

Nauticat 40 Pilothouse Cutter... 1985. Great shape, extremely well equipped. Offered by owner below market at \$169K. www.circlesys.com/pyxis (206), call Steven Dubnoff, 206-329-7694.

Skyline Slip... (36' +6') Sublease. C30 - end of dock, lots of water. \$275 per month, call Steven Dubnoff 206-329-7694.

T-Bird #192 Factotum... \$10,000 Exterior and interior completely restored. Boat, Keel and sails measured for International and Regional T-Bird racing. Aluminum spars, cruising sail, measured racing sails, new 6 HP Nissan four stroke engine, VHF and many extras. Boat rigged for racing and race ready. Stored inside. Call Maurice J. Fink, 360-293-3814, e-mail mhfink@attbi.com.

Raymarine L365 Fishfinder... Transom mount transducer (300 watts, 50/200 kHz, temp/speed). Approximately 1.5 years old and works well. \$199 new, priced at \$45. Call George Hatfield 360-588-1443

Annual Shakedown Cruise set for April 12/13

The Annual Shakedown Cruise will be held the weekend of April 12 and 13, destination Friday Harbor. The



Photo from the Port of Friday Harbor

season seems to be starting early this year, so if you haven't done so already, wash down the boat, throw some groceries on board, check the fuel and oil, and join us for the short hop to Friday Harbor. Fidalgo Yacht Club will be there the

same weekend, so expect to find other friends at the dock during the weekend.

The tides will be light and generally favorable on Saturday during the day, so even slow boats should make a quick passage. Weather is forecast to be "spring-like" (draw your own conclusions!). The Cruise plan is as follows:

April 11, 12: Travel to Friday Harbor (own arrangements). There is some reciprocal moorage for early arrivals, otherwise use transient moorage (own arrangements).

April 12:

- 3:30 pm (firm): Pick up instructions for the "Local Knowledge Treasure Hunt" from the Cruise Captain on *SV Anticipation*. The treasure hunt will take about one hour. Teams may be any size, but only three prizes will be given to any one team (hint – teams of three are encouraged!)

- 4:30 pm (approximate): No host cocktails and hors d'oeuvres on the jetty. Please bring a dish to share when you come. Evening, at leisure

April 13: Return to home port

Your Cruise Captain is Roger Wright, on the Cal 29 *Anticipation*, home phone: 360-588-1753, e-mail: rlwright@att.net

See YOU in Friday Harbor!

Talking Trash

Recently someone left two plastic bags of garbage on the Club deck and the birds torn them apart. It took an hour to pick up all of the stuff that had been spread around on the deck and the ground below. If anyone takes out garbage from the Club, please put it in the Port dumpster and don't leave the bags on the deck or steps. --Warren Walz

Decorating Committee Report

The Decorating Committee consists of 5 club members, who have meeting regularly since late last year. The purpose of the Committee was to plan and complete the downstairs room at the Clubhouse so that we may have a multi-purpose area for meetings, overflow space for club dinners, small social gatherings, rental space, and an area for members to socialize. We felt it was important to have a warm ambiance with an environment that is comfortable and inviting to the membership.

Phase One and Phase Two have been approved by the Board and are in the build phase. Our plan is to have the room usable by the end of April. This includes painting, the bench under the window upholstered, and an 11' cabinet on the back wall installed with a bar sink and a built-in small microwave. Also the fireplace, hearth, bench front, and mantle will be completed with some woodwork.

Phase Three and last phase is still in the planning stages and we need Board approval. This phase will include wall pictures, furniture for a conversational area in front of the fireplace and some indirect lighting (this has been requested by several club members).

This has been both an interesting and fun project. We would love to see more involved especially those members who have either an interest or a talent in woodfinishing, painting, plumbing and electrical ideas or skills. None of this will take much time as these are small projects.

Please call if you can offer us some assistance. My phone is 360-293-3369 and e-mail address marbc@msn.com. I look forward to hearing from you. --Barbara Crawford, Decorating Chair