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From the Helm

Dear Members,

Lots of fun things are happening at the Anacortes Yacht Club. We recently celebrated two very special birthdays of our members, Bob Carlson's 80th birthday and Larry Newland turned 68. The club was full of laughter and lots of merriment, which is the reason to enjoy the building even more.

Plans are underway for the 15th Annual Anacortes Yacht Club/Windermere Real Estate Regatta. The chairman of the event this year is Fred West and they have added two additional sponsors, Whidbey Island Bank and Voyager Yacht Sales. We all extend our good wishes for a successful event with lots of help from everyone.

By the time you read this we entertained the Oak Harbor Yacht Club, which cruised on over to visit. Dinner was prepared by the best help the club has and of course received rave reviews. OHYC had 60 members attend with approximately 29 from Anacortes; a wonderful time was had by all. Thanks to all the volunteers who came forth and gave of their time to make it a successful evening.

We are very fortunate for several reasons: we own our building; we have a very lovely location for our building; we enjoy many activities in our building; and yes, it truly belongs to all of us. We are also very fortunate to have many members who give freely of their time to volunteer to make sure that all runs smoothly. From organizing events, working on projects for the building, preparing for events, and, yes, to making sure that when the doors are ready to be locked after the event that all is in ship shape order



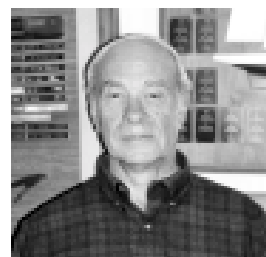
and ready for the next group that may be using the building. So when asked to step up to the plate, please say yes and you will, I guarantee it, receive a thank you from the heart. Better yet, when you see something needs done, just ask to help. The Anacortes Yacht Club belongs to all of us, so let's take a lot of pride and help out when needed or asked. You will not be sorry. I promise you.

Oh and don't forget to check out the multi-purpose room – it is looking very stunning, a real nice addition to our building.

Your Board of Directors discussed at the recent meeting a proposal for greeting and keeping new members in the club, and voted on new members Ed and Mellie Kennedy. It was a very short meeting.

The sun is shining, time to mow the lawn and wash the car; oh what the heck, I think I will go down, sit on the boat and read for a while. Until next month. Cheers ☺, Pam

From the Vice Commodore



Our club doings in May include a 2-Buck Night on Friday, May 9, where Bill Short will offer us burgers with all the trimmings. Our General Meeting will be on May 23 and will feature a spaghetti feed prepared by chef Don Childs. The speaker for the meeting is to be announced. --Bill Booth

May Events

May 2 & 3, Sucia Cruise (page 3)

May 9, \$2 Night

May 17, Saddlebag Cleanup Day (page 4)

May 23, General Meeting

AYC / Cap Sante Marine Ltd Tulip Regatta

After several months of passage racing, the Anacortes Yacht Club kicked off their buoy race schedule with their annual Tulip Regatta on Saturday, May 5th.



Class A winner Guy Noir on a downwind leg.

Photo: Chuck Mallory

Thanks to a great group of volunteers and prime sponsor, Cap Sante Marine Ltd, a day of racing, followed by an awards banquet, was enjoyed by all. Racing started at 10am under cloudy skies and 12 to 15 knots of wind. Three divisions sailed the windward leeward courses that were characterized by tight starts and building wind. Two races were run and completed. A third was started with 25 knots of wind and was abandoned after winds built to 35 with the small boat fleet struggling, numerous shredded chutes and broken gear, and the capsizing of the Corsair 27 trimaran *Raven*, with its crew in the water. A special note of thanks goes out to Grey Hawken, skipper of *Teddy Bear*, and his crew who led two rescue efforts for the day, thus heading off disaster and the potential of serious consequences. A tie breaker decided first place in division A with *Guy Noir* taking top honors. *Inferno* and *Friendship* took top spots in divisions B and C. Story telling and a barbecued beef dinner, followed by last call and lights out completed an event-filled day at the yacht club. --Willie Gravely

More on the Capsizing of Raven

The following is taken, with permission, from an article by T.K. Wegg which recently appeared on *Anacortes Online*.

....That was only part of the carnage of the afternoon, the local sailmakers are going to be busy. Four boats

had torn or destroyed sails. *Raven* lost two spinnakers, a blade and probably destroyed the main. The fiberglass technicians are also going to be busy, *Radio Flyer* was pinned on the refinery dock and had to be pulled off, *Raven* had some damage to one of the amas caused during the lifting out. Other than that, the racing was great!

Prior to her capsizing *Raven* was sailing downwind in top gusts of 26 knots, traveling at 15 to 16 knots. The apparent wind was therefore in the range of 10 to 11 knots. It seemed like the ideal time to put in the second reef, just before rounding the mark, so everything would be set for the beat to the windward mark. According to the skipper, Chris Sherman, he tied off the spinnaker guy and the tiller, and went



Rescue of the Raven crew

Photo: George Hatfield

forward to the mast to drop the main. The boat got hit by a gust and rounded up, Chris let go of the spinnaker sheet, but it was too late. The boat slowly turned over into stable position #2, (upside down). Chris and his crew, Brian Cove, were not in the water for long before they climbed up on the bottom of the boat, where they were rescued by the Hawkens on *Teddy Bear*. *Teddy Bear* got a line on the trimaran and kept it from running up on the beach on Guemes Island and started towing her to the Anacortes shore.

The Vessel Assist boat from Lovrics came out and towed *Raven* into the lee of Fidalgo Island, where salvage operations commenced. They were unable to turn the boat over on Saturday so it was anchored for the night. The next morning the boat was picked up with the aid of Lovrics *Sea Dog*, which had a hydraulic boom. Chris said Tuesday morning the boat should be good as new for Whidbey Race Week.

Annual Sucia Island Cruise

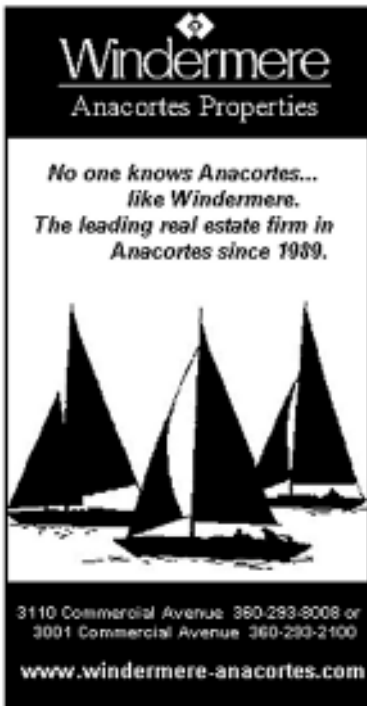
Mark your calendar for the annual cruise to Sucia Island, May 3 and 4.

- 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.

Windermere Regatta, June 6-8



The 15th Annual Windermere Regatta is set for June 6 – 8. The Skipper's Meeting is 8:00 am Saturday, with racing both Saturday and Sunday at the Jack Island area north and east of Guemes Island. The 1st place finishers qualify for the Grand Prix in November.

A registration fee of \$50 includes race entry and information packet, complimentary Saturday night dinner, and a T-shirt.

Windermere Real Estate, who has sponsored the event since its beginning, is joined by sponsors

Whidbey Island Bank and Voyager Yacht Sales, all of Anacortes.

Volunteers are needed for cooking, cleaning, and race course duties. We also need at least two chase boats for both days of racing to help set buoys and as safety boats.

For more information, contact Race Committee Chair Fred West at 360-299-2526 or 360-929-1726. E-mail: fred@voyageryachts.com.

2004 Roster Photographs

We started the 2004 roster picture project at the April monthly meeting. That night we were able to get 25% of the membership pictures taken! We are off to a good start. A big thank you to everyone who showed up for a photo session. I will be announcing future photo opportunities at the club. If your schedule does not permit you to attend club events, please let me know by e-mail (e.liberty@verizon.net) or call me at 360-299-3471. We will come up with a way to get your picture in the roster. Also a big thanks to our "drafted" photographers: Vic Childs, Henry Carsberg, and John Satterlee. --Kim Satterlee

New Members



Ed and Mellie at the April General Meeting

Ed and Mellie Kennedy,
2120 10th Street, Anacortes, WA 98221
360-293-8084 (H), ed.mellie.k@attbi.com
Sailboat: J-30, "Slingshot"

Please welcome Ed and Mellie to our Club. --Dave Thomson, Membership Chairman

Saddlebag Clean-Up Set for May 17

Ever noticed how Seattleites never visit the Space Needle? Ever noticed that Anacordians don't visit the closest island to their own city? Well, let's change that and add a scavenger hunt to boot!

AYC is hosting the "Annual Saddlebag Clean-up" and we are even throwing in free transportation, if you need it, to the island. Come out on May 17 at 10:00am and we promise to have you back by 1:00pm. If you need transportation, *Krystal Ki* and *In the Mood* will be at the bottom of the gangway at E-F dock at Cap Sante at 9:30am.

Sail or power over to Saddlebag Island for a fun day of hiking the island, picking up the place, and participating in a scavenger hunt. Anacortes Youth Sailing Club will also be participating in the clean up. We will return to the AYC clubhouse for lunch. Hotdogs, buns, chips, and drinks will be provided. Feel free to contribute to the lunch. Festivities are planned to be over by 2:00pm so everyone can take part in the Anacortes Waterfront Festival. --Bill and Jen Bowman, 299-3766

Notes and Announcements from Steerage



Pat at the helm of Radio Flyer

I just want to, once again, say thank you to all who continue to help with not only the bartender jobs but also the various maintenance projects and improvements that continually need to be made around the Club. The list is long but you know who you are... THANKS! Most all of the work done around the Club is done by members on their own time...

they deserve our accolades... so give a good cheer when you see them on the job.

In April we had some great gatherings for and because of members. Bob Carlson had a birthday recently and turned ... well... he is VERY wise. We combined his wisdom celebration with our "Martini Night" and had a great time. Thanks to Bob and Jayne for their generosity and the fine food and Steve Tomas for his energy and work that evening. He taught me how to make a martini. Larry Newland had a recent birthday gathering with family and friends... Pancho Villa would have been proud!

It is always good to see friends and family gathering at the Club. With that in mind, be aware that the basic rules around Club use outside of Club events, are that members can rent the club for \$50 per day and any community member can rent it for \$100. This is a great deal for such a fine facility and location. Any rental questions or needs can be addressed to me @ 293-9377 or preferably emailed to patbarrett@attbi.com.

Windermere Regatta – Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 6 to 8. This is an annual invitational regatta and all are invited to come join the fun after the races on Saturday and Sunday. Dave Thomson and his crack crew of barbecue experts will be serving up some fine food on Saturday and the Anacortes Youth Sailing crew will provide food on Sunday after a day of racing. Once again, come find out what a great group of sailors we have and listen to their stories about the day of sailing.

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

Around the World with the Ecksteins

About 50 members attended the April General Meeting. After a great dinner, Sarah and Clint Eckstein spoke of their two-year voyage around the world in their Hardin 50 Ketch. Both were members of the AYC when they lived in Anacortes. They now live in Portland, OR. Sarah was the former owner of Art Smart in Anacortes. Their voyage started in here in April, 1997, with a trip down the coast to the San Francisco area. This first leg was quite an experience for Sarah who had little sailing



Sarah Eckstein

experience. From California they left for Polynesia and made landfall in the Marquesas. From there they visited a number of the islands of Polynesia, experiencing the local culture of each. It appeared to be a wonderful experience. After spending the cyclone season in Darwin, Australia, they headed

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east again to Bali, Singapore, Thailand, and Sri Lanka. The latter country was especially beautiful, although challenging since it was in the midst of a civil war. Unfortunately, 1997/98 were years of El Nino/La Nina and the weather was unpredictable and atypical. For example, due to a total lack of wind, they had to motor most of the way through the Arabian Sea. A storm in the Red Sea left Sarah with some doubts about the wisdom of the trip and also damaged several of their sails. After passing through the Suez Canal into the Mediterranean, they visited Israel, Turkey, Greece, Yugoslavia and Corsica. The Ecksteins then crossed the Atlantic to St. Lucia via the Canary Islands. After passing through the Panama Canal, they arrived in San Diego in May, 1999, only a few days from their planned return. What a trip and not one for the faint at heart! Thanks to all for another great meeting. --George Hatfield

Annual Shakedown Cruise a Success

As promised, the shakedown cruise featured “spring like” conditions. Ten boats participated and one couple arrived by land. This year’s “gremlins” must have been exorcised, as no one admitted to any unpleasant surprises. Early-birds enjoyed Friday’s sun and generally pleasant conditions, and filled in the few unreserved spaces left on F dock.

Despite a gray Saturday, and the Friday night celebrations at AYC, another six boats joined the group on Saturday afternoon. Larry and Linda Newland arrived on *Legacy II* in the late afternoon and were received by a large line-handling party.

Five teams entered the “Treasure Hunt.” Four completed the competition despite intermittent rain showers, while the all-male team claimed to be defeated by a question regarding women’s shower stalls, and retired early. Results were:

First John and Kim Satterlee with Linda Harbers

Second . Karen and Dave Thomson with John Moody

Third Madelyn and Phil Case with guests Carole and Waldo

Fourth .. Bob and Sheila Halligan with Meilen Swain

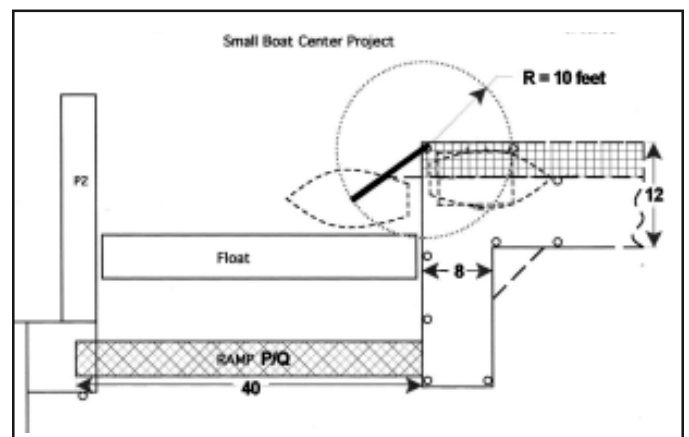
The cruise captain awarded a selection of liquid prizes to those completing the event.

Fidalgo Yacht Club had reserved the new covered Friday Harbor “Party Barge” but graciously lent it to us for our dockside hors d’oeuvres on Saturday. The cruising chefs turned out a wide range of delectables that fueled vigorous conversation on the barge in the late afternoon showers. Thanks to all who contributed.

Most boats departed on Sunday morning in steady rain, but those who stayed over enjoyed a dry day with a vigorous SW wind on Monday. This year’s cruisers included John Moody with Dave and Karen Thomson on *Capt. Jack*, Phil and Madelyn Case with guests Carole & Waldo on *In The Mood*, Bill Short with guest Alex Marr on *Friendship*, Spencer and Meilen on *Nellie*, John and Kim Satterlee on *Early Liberty*, Larry and Linda Newland with son Bill on *Legacy II*, Bob and Sheila Halligan on *Too Grand*, Pete and Linda Harbers on *Harber Lights*, the Wrights - Roger, Jane, Gertrude and Willie on *Anticipation*, Jim and Marilyn Lovell passing through on *Tranquility Base*, and Dell and Geneal Fox. --Roger Wright

Planning for Small Boat Facility

Several AYC members, including Spencer Swain, Bill Short and Pat Barrett, have been working with the Port of Anacortes and others in the community to establish a small boat (sizes up to 18' and 1000 lbs) launching facility. The plan, at least at this point, is to modify the pier leading to the PQ dock at the Cap Sante Marina. As you may know, this is just north of the AYC clubhouse. The changes to the dock will include widening the PQ approach pier to 12 feet, as



well as a new loop road that will allow trailers with small boats to easily approach the dock. Trailers will then be detached from the car and moved down the widened dock to a hoist that will allow the boat to be

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placed in the water. A new float, parallel to the current PQ ramp is also planned. The planning group is also interested in establishing a Small Boat Center near the entrance to Rotary Park which will house showers and lockers as well as provide room for boat storage, classes, and other meetings. The challenge in this regard is to find a group that will take charge of the facility once it is built to provide cleaning, maintenance and overall management of the building. If you are interested in working with this group to establish this facility, contact Spencer. --George Hatfield

AYC Pub and Gourmet Cruise Planned, June 28 - June 6

Cruise Captains: Bill and Marcia Short *SV Friendship*, 360-293-8844 or email: mshort@telcomplus.net

Please make your own marina reservations. Let the cruise captains know if you are planning on joining the cruise. When making your marina reservations, identify yourself as members of the AYC cruise so that we may be moored close by as a group.

June 28 (Saturday) - Prevost Harbor, Stuart Island. 5:00pm Captains Meeting. Bring appetizer and beverage. Place TBD. Can hike to schoolhouse/museum.

June 29 (Sunday) - Montaque Harbour Marina, Galiano Island. Clear customs at Bedwell Harbour (remember to bring proper identification). 6:00pm Dinner at the marina. Call Montaque Harbour Marina @ 250-539-3593. Anchoring also available. Can hike the trails around Montaque Harbour Marine Park.

June 30 (Monday) - New Castle Island, Nanaimo. 5:00 pm appys on island at head of dock. Dinner at the Dinghy Dock Pub, 6:15pm. Some dock space available on first come, first served basis or anchor out. Hike the island or visit the historical display. Slack at Dodds Narrows at 11:00am and 6:23pm.

July 1 (Tuesday) - New Castle Island. Enjoy Canada Day. Dinner: First Mates choice.

July 2 (Wednesday) - Thetis Island Marina, Telegraph Harbour, Thetis Island. (250) 246-1433 or

marina@thetisland.com. Dinner at the marina pub, 6pm. Can ferry over to Chemainus for shopping, dinner and enjoying the paintings on the buildings. Slack at Dodds Narrows at 5:10am and 12:20pm.

July 3 (Thursday) - Fulford Marina, Salt Spring Island. Dinner at Fulford Pub, 6pm, located at head of inlet. Enjoy the "50s" feel of the community.

July 4 (Friday) - Salt Spring Marina, Ganges, Salt Spring Island (800)334-6629 or www.mobyspub.com. Dinner: Captains choice. Shopping, Saturday Market, bakeries and treasures to find.

July 5 (Saturday) - Otter Bay Marina, North Pender Island. (250) 629-3579. Hike to ferry dock for hamburgers, 6pm. Bring swimsuit to enjoy adults only time at the pool.

July 6 (Sunday) - Return to Anacortes. Clear customs.

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 obo, Call Chuck Mallory, 360-293-4267.

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.

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@fidalgo.net

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Please send articles, photos and other items of interest to AYC members to George Hatfield, Editor, email gphatfield2@attbi.com. The deadline for June is May 21.