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From the Helm

Hi,

Well another month has come and gone – supposedly we are heading for summer and that wonderful boating season.



The next big event at the Anacortes Yacht Club of course will be the Anacortes Yacht Club/Windermere/Whidbey Island Bank/Voyager Yacht Sales Regatta. The 15th annual regatta I might add. It is indeed a pleasure to have a new chairman for this event. Please give Fred West a call and volunteer for a small task that needs to be completed. As you know from previous years, the whole membership is invited to partake in this event. It's a blast; you will be glad you came on down.

The cruisers are heading off to their various cruises, such as Garrison Bay Memorial Day weekend. And for the racers, those Wednesday night races are keeping our enthusiasm intact.

The month of May is the last General Meeting until September, but don't forget those \$2.00 nights – watch the *Knot News* and the email for all the details. There is nothing quite like sitting on the deck on a Friday night, enjoying the beautiful view and visiting with good friends.

Since this month's publication will be done before our next board meeting, I will have to catch you up next month.

On that happy note, I will say enjoy the month of June. Happy and safe boating.

Until next month.

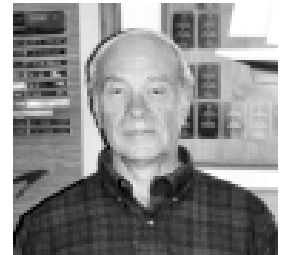
Cheers ☺, Pam

From Your Vice Commodore

Our culinary activity for June will be a Two-Buck night on Friday the 20th featuring Fish & Chips . Come and join us if you are not out cruising our beautiful waters. Our monthly meetings will not resume until our Salmon BBQ on September 28th. Many thanks for a job well done to Bill and Deanna Jenkins for our great chicken dinner and Caesar salad in April.

My invitation continues to any of my fellow members that would be interested in helping with the food for our remaining events for this year. I specifically need a volunteer to do the \$2 Night on August 15th.

Please email me at windhog@attbi.com or call 299-6610 if you would like to volunteer.-- Bill Booth, AYC- Vice Commodore



June Events

Windermere Regatta	June 7-8
\$2 Night	June 20
Pub and Gourmet Cruise	June 28-July 6

Bellingham Cruise In August

Come cruise with us, by land or by sea, to Bellingham on August 2nd. We'll have a happy hour on the dock at 5pm, and head off to dinner at 6-ish, at the Marina Restaurant.

We'll need a reservation count for moorage (with boat length) and a head count for the restaurant by July 19. If enough of you want to, we can get our own room and order from a banquet menu of five selections. Let us know if you want to do this. Contact Bill or Brenda Cheaqui at 360-240-9483 or email bnb@oakharbor.net.

Annual Sucia Island Cruise and Race

Twenty boats gathered for another convivial cruise to Sucia Island on May 3-4. There were three boats on hand by May 1, Thursday, and several more on Friday. The early birds got the shirt-sleeve sunny weather.



AYC Fleet at Sucia's Fossil Bay

Saturday and Sunday were not quite as pleasant, but we never were actually rained out of any activity.

The hiking on Saturday was great, with quite a number choosing the seven-mile destination, and others choosing more modest distances. Everyone else used the time for general rest and relaxation, which is always a big part of this cruise.

In the afternoon, about social hour time, the Hawaiian shirt contest provided the entertainment. It continues to grow in interest and complexity. The three judges, Dave Thomson, Cheryl Karney, and Madelyn Case, with innovative and creative methods awarded Betsy and Ken Cave first place, Marvin Klinger second, and Dave Molsed third. Marv took his by buttoning the top button of his shirt in to the third buttonhole down. He claims he did it on purpose, but many of us wonder. The judges called it the "can't dress himself" award. A special "Muumu" award, the first ever presented, went to Karen Thomson. Ask her to model the prize for you. Talk to any of the judges or participants for further details, and next year come out and join the fun.

The Saturday evening bonfire and cookout was a success, thanks to a little special help from Warren and Linda Walz. It seems that as our folks delivered their requested load of wood to the fire pit, friendly camp-

ers ashore "borrowed" it for their own uses. An urgent call to Warren at their vacation home on Waldron Island solved the problem. Have you ever seen an Olympic 26' (*Mischief*) (two Honda 150's 4 cycle) towing a barge-load of fire wood at 35 knots? We had wood to last as long as there were fire watchers.

We never did get a proper race going for the trip out, but we will figure out a way to make it happen another time. Maybe a starting line closer to the final destination would work? In the meantime, check out the boats that came. There were several that are regular racers there.

This year's gang included, almost but not quite in the order of arrival, *Captain Jack* (John and Martha Moody), *Tortuga* (Dave and Karen Thomson), *Chris-*



Sucia Cruise Hawaiian shirt contest

tina (Chris and Jerry, Jennie, and J.D. Baker), *Ours & Hours* (Ron and Anita Davis), *Voyageur* (Dick and Laura Smock, Anna Schwulst, and Rochelle Cloke), *Harber Lights* (Peter, Linda, and Sam Harbers), *MarDiGras II* (Dick and Mary Kaufer with Sam and Phil III), *Paradox* (Dick and Cheryl Karney), *Too Grand* (Bob and Sheila Halligan), *Sunday* (Jerry and Bernice Gutman), *Wildfire* (Dave and Pat Malsed), *Dragon Tale* (Ken and Betsy Cave), *Anticipation* (Roger and Jane Wright), *In the Mood* (Phil and Madelyn Case), *Wired* (Ron and Deb Elliott), *Friendship* (Bill Short and Bill and Brenda Cheaqui), *Eclipse* (Henry and Jerica Carsberg), *Blue Spray* (Rob and Pam Walker), *Persuasion* (Larry Bughi and Laura Groosman, Zorro, and Buddy), *Mischief* (Warren and Linda Walz), and *Renaissance* (Jeanie Browne and Von Smith). Dogs and cats are counted as crew. -- Richard Smock

Latest Plans for the AYC Pub & Gourmet Cruise

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

Monitoring VHF channel 72

Itinerary for June 28-July 6, 2003:

June 28 (Sat) West Sound, Orcas Island. 5:00 pm Captains' Meeting. Bring appetizer and beverage to OIYC pavilion. This is a change from Prevost Harbor due to special activities scheduled there.

June 29 (Sun) Poet's Cove Seaside Resort, Bedwell Harbour, South Pender Island. Clear Customs (remember to bring proper I.D.). 6:00 pm dinner at Port Browning Marina. Dinghy over from Bedwell. This was changed because Montague was full.

June 30 (Mon) New Castle Island, Nanaimo. 5:00 pm appys on island at head of dock. 6:15 pm dinner at the Dinghy Dock Pub. 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 11:00 am or 6:23 pm.

July 01 (Tues) New Castle Island. Enjoy Canada Day. Dinner: First Mate's Choice.

July 02 (Wed) Thetis Island Marina, Telegraph Harbour. Thetis Island. 6:00 pm dinner at the marina pub. Can ferry over to Chemainus for shopping, dinner and enjoying the paintings on the buildings. Slack at Dodds Narrows at 5:10 am or 12:20 pm.

July 03 (Thur) Fulford Marina, Salt Spring Island. 6:00 pm dinner at Fulford Pub, located at head of inlet. Enjoy the 50's feel of the community.

July 04 (Fri) Salt Spring Marina, Ganges, Salt Spring Island. Dinner: First Mate's choice. Shopping Saturday Market, bakeries, and treasures to find.

July 05 (Sat) Port Browning, North Pender Island. Hike into town for pizza or dinner at the marina. Enjoy the pool.

July 06 (Sun) Return to Anacortes. Clear Customs.

The marinas wanted one person responsible for reservations, so if you wish to go, please call Bill Short at 360-293-8844.

Member Classified Ads

Columbia 8.7... Alan Payne design, length 28'7", beam 10', draft 4'8". Sloop rig, Harken roller furling system, three tails, Lazy Jacks, dodger. Diesel powered (repowered with a three cylinder Perkins), 20 gallon fuel tank. Teak interior, alcohol stove, 40 gallon water tank, head can be converted to shower, holding tank, navigation station, sleeps five. VHF, depth sounder, Aqua Meter Compass, Garmin GPS, knotmeter. Misc. items: two anchors with 30' of chain each, 4 life jackets. Great cruising boat, wife friendly and can be single handed. Call Rod Bell 360-293-5373, E-Mail rpbell2@attbi.com

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 mhffink@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

Contributions to *Knot News*

Please send articles, photos and other items of interest to AYC members to George Hatfield, Editor, email gphatfield2@attbi.com. The deadline for July is June 27.

Garrison Bay Cruise Synopsis

There was a great turnout for the Memorial Day Weekend Cruise to Garrison Bay. The wind, sea, and sun gods treated us very well. On Saturday the festivities began with Happy Hour aboard *Harber Lights* and *The Gusto II* that were rafted together. In addition to Pete and Linda Harber (*Harber Lights*) and Dean and Suzanne Emory (*The Gusto II*) there were Jerry and Bernice Gutman (*Sumday*), Dick and Mary Kaufer (*Mardi Gras II*), Phil and Madelyn Case with daughter Chelsea (*In the Mood*), and Marvin Klinger who dinghied over from Roche Harbor. And, there was Sam, the Harbers' Samurai dog, who entertained us with his sneezing to be rewarded with tidbits from the munchies table.

Sunday was a gorgeous day and a few more crew and boats showed up: Bill and Brenda Cheaqui (*B&B*), Steve and Marion Dubroff in their new trawler (*Nereid*) with crew Charles & Marjorie, David and Patricia Malsed and daughter Heather (*Wildfire*), Clark and Joanne Craig (*Quest*) and the Harbers' friends, Sandy and Dick.

The Happy Hour and picnic was a lively gathering with several BBQ's and tables spread out under the trees on the Garrison lawn. Libations flowed freely and Westcott Bay oysters were passed around. The Gutmans, with the tutoring of Linda Harbers, tended the oysters on the BBQ and after incinerating a few, got the technique down to tender, juicy, steamed oysters on the half shell with a variety of sauces for dipping. Let it be known that this year the Gutman portable BBQ did not take five skippers to bungle the assembly job. We won't mention that it took a few choice expletives and mumblings to figure out how to get it disassembled. The sun was setting and the breeze cool so everyone retreated to their own boats after a delightful evening of shared food and camaraderie. That evening before dark, Linda Harbers and Suzanne Emory made the rounds of all the boats and made certain that everyone was tucked in for the night.

On Monday the day started with a great display of nature: eight or more eagles circled some fresh kill on the field. It was reported that one of the eagles tried to heft the carcass up in the tree but the carcass was too heavy. It was quite a show. Slowly all the AYC boats departed and went their own way. Several planned to rendezvous at Fisherman's Bay. It was a gorgeous morning to be on the water. A good time was had by all. --Cruise Captains, Jerry and Bernice Gutman

New Members

Jerry and Chris Baker, 1782 Lignite Drive, Sandpoint, ID 83860. (208) 263-3026 (home), (208) 755-3328 (mobile), cjbaker@starband.net, Boat: 27' Bayline, "*Christine*".

Please welcome Jerry and Chris to our Club. Contact me if you know of anyone interested in joining. I will be happy to follow-up. Dave Thomson, Membership Chairman, (360) 293-7900, eltortuga@attbi.com.



Vic Childs, another new member that joined the Club a few months ago, was "initiated" at the April General meeting. Vic is the owner of *Radio Flyer* and is a frequent participant in the AYC racing program.

Windermere Regatta, June 6-8

The 15th Annual Windermere Regatta is set for June 6 – 8. The Skippers 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 still 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.