



# KNOT NEWS

Volume 112 No. 7

Anacortes Yacht Club's 112th Year

July 2003

## From the Helm

Hi,

Like you, I am enjoying the summer and of course being out on the water. Thanks to everyone who helped make the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Windermere Regatta a huge success. It takes a lot of volunteers to make an event work and I am sure that you have been thanked, but I thought I would add my thanks.



Friday nights at the club is still a great way to meet and greet members, ones that you see all the time and ones that you have not seen for a long time. In the last two months I have had the pleasure of meeting once again Charles and Jean Chapman. The last time they were in the new building, the bar was in the corner; they were very impressed how things have progressed. They also have fond memories of the old building as some of us do.

At the recent Board of Directors meeting, we had a representative from the City of Anacortes Building Department along with the Fire Marshall. They gave us a little insight on making sure that our building is up to code, as far as the panic locks on the doors. We are purchasing a new door for the south entrance, due to vandals wanting to visit our club when closed. One item was talked about: all smokers who use the deck, please take care when putting out your cigarettes – we recently had a smoldering incident in the beauty bark, which could have done some real damage to the building. Take special care and keep in mind that the building belongs to all of us. We also realize that it could have been a car driving by, but thought it should be mentioned.

By the way when you are down at the club in the evening or in the day, check out the down stairs. We have some truly wonderful carpenters and dedicated members who have made the vision come alive.

This message will be short and sweet – lots to do when the sun is out and sitting at the computer is not one of them. Have a safe and happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July. I know I will; it just happens to be someone's birthday.

Until next month... Cheers ☺, Pam

## Bellingham Cruise In August

Come cruise with us, by land or by sea, to Bellingham on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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](mailto:bnb@oakharbor.net).

## AYC Port Townsend Jazz Festival Cruise, July 25-27

Hey, all you boating Jazzoids!! Come join us at Centrum's Jazz Port Townsend at the end of July. There are performances on the Mainstage at McCurdy Pavilion (Fort Worden State Park) as well as jazz in the Clubs. The performances at the pavilion need a reservation, but you can buy your



tickets to the clubs after you arrive. Check out all the

*continued on page 2*

### Jazz Cruise, continued from page 1

details at [www.centrum.org/events/jzlineup.html](http://www.centrum.org/events/jzlineup.html). Tickets can be purchased at 1-800-733-3608 beforehand. Several people have tickets confirmed, and you could also.

As for moorage, we will need to use the main Port Townsend Marina since the Point Hudson Marina is completely booked with a Hunter Rendezvous. The main marina is a first come, first served arrangement, so everyone must find moorage for themselves. We have done this several years and we always found a slip. We plan to arrive on Friday morning. There is a -0.7' tide at 8:19 am with a 7.9' high tide at 5:12 pm. Those that worry about tide will need to take this into consideration.

Give us a call if you have questions. Let us know if you are planning to attend. The usual afternoon get together is planned; then off to one of the clubs for supper. Won't this be fun? Come join. Phil and Madelyn Case at 360-568-4306 or e-mail at [mpcase@earthlink.net](mailto:mpcase@earthlink.net).

### Additions to Reciprocal Moorage List

Please add the following to your list of Clubs offering our club members reciprocal moorage. The complete reciprocal moorage list is found in the AYC Roster or on the club website ([www.anacorcorcortes.net/ayc](http://www.anacorcorcortes.net/ayc)).

**MEYDENBAUER YACHT CLUB:** Located at Meydenbauer Bay, Lake Washington (Bellevue). Guest Moorage is at end of dock: 2,125 feet and about 9 foot depth. 3 day limit, electricity \$2

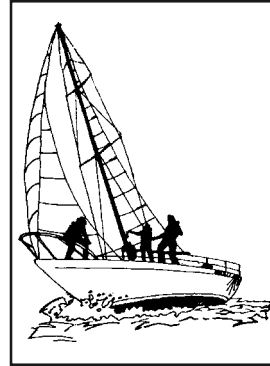
**WEST VANCOUVER YACHT CLUB:** Located just north of Point Atkinson next to Thunderbird Marina. Use vacant member's slips. Best to call ahead, 604 921 7575.



We have stayed at both of these places and can tell you that they both have excellent facilities. Questions, call Dick or Cheryl Karney @ 293-1357

### Summer Race Program

The AYC racing program this past month has enjoyed some of the best, steady, most consistent winds in anyone's memory. We ran the Windermere Regatta on June 7 and 8 and the Otterstad series on June 4, 11, 18 and 25. All races had great winds! We did have a bit of controversy over a race committee course call that assumed that all racers had read and virtually memorized their race packet. This resulted in a



number of boats being scored DNF for missing a mark on the course. Much heated discussion ensued and while the issue is settled for now it does point out some possible needed improvements to how the course descriptions are written. Should prove interesting... The Anacortes Elks is sponsoring the Summer Fun series this year and it sounds

like they have a great program planned. Dan May spoke at the last after-race party and he made it sound like the old days when there were copious amounts of tasty hor d'oeuvres and a no-host bar. The after-race party will be at the Elks on the 16th and 30th and at the Yacht Club for the 9th. The Elks Lodge is at 1009 7th Street. This sounds like a lot of fun and we should try to get all the boats out! --Walt Meagher

### More on the Windermere Regatta

I have participated in these races for over 10 years and this one was the best! We had 2 days of perfect weather featuring steady sunshine, but more importantly STEADY WINDS! As you all know, typical Pacific Northwest sailing conditions usually consist of very light and fluky or too much wind, often all in the same day. This year we had moderate and steady winds both days with only a bit of shift. The race committee, as usual, did a stellar job of getting off races with Chuck Mallory and Bill Short on *Friendship* doing the starts and Warren Walz and Pam Edwards on Saturday and Girts Rekevics on Sunday

*Continued on page 3*

### Windermere Regatta, continued from page 2

as chase boat, moving marks as necessary. The courses were always very close to square and there was no waiting between races. We got off 4 races each day without any wait between races! As Chuck says, steady winds do make the race committee look good, but those guys were really on the ball all day - both days!



*Mallory makes an announcement*

Back at the club Dave Thomson and his well organized barbecue crew had a spectacular feast prepared and ready for the hoard of hungry sailors upon their return. There was delicious grilled tip steak as well as barbecued chicken combined with baked beans, salad and ice cream for dessert with all the optional accessories. Once again, they did a great job of organizing and preparing this feast!

Special thanks to Fred West who took over for Pam Edwards this year as Regatta chairman. There were also bartenders, clean up crew and a host of others who all came together to make this a memorable Regatta. I exercised the poor judgement to mention to Pat Barrett that both Windermere and Regatta were misspelled on the t-shirts. Pat immediately said to me "You think you can do better - you are next year's chairman." I said



*A perfect weekend of racing*

that I would be happy to check for spelling errors in the future, but the next thing I knew Pat was announcing that I had volunteered to be next year's chair! So I guess that I am it!



*A J 29 heads for the windward mark  
Photo by Warren Walz*

Before the awards ceremony someone, probably Pat Barrett or Girts, mentioned to Jerry VanderVeen that anyone getting a trophy this year would need to kiss the trophy girl. Unfortunately, the trophy girl was Fred West. *Syndicat* got a 3rd so Jerry theatrically kissed Fred! I am glad it was not my turn to drive! After that beginning almost everyone else that came up to get a trophy tried to do a better job of kissing Fred. John Gerity (Aussie Jack) of *Impetuous* (aptly named) impetuously kissed the dickens out of Fred. My first official duty as next year's chairman will be to try to get a real girl for this job! --Walt Meagher

### From Ginny Klinger

To Anacortes Yacht Club Members: I want to let you know that I have returned home, at last. I want to thank all of you for your support during all of these tough times.

It was so nice to get your notes, flowers, visits and food for Marv. I will be house bound for several weeks. Please come by if you have time. The hot tub will be up and running by July 1<sup>st</sup>. I have caregivers that are here seven days a week, and I will be doing physical therapy about three days a week until I am up to going to the clinic.

We were at the club last night for the wonderful fish and chips meal. It was so nice to see all of you that were there and hear your words of encouragement.

Again, thanks for all of your support during this time. With love, Ginny Klinger

## July Events

No general meeting in July

Summer Fun Races, July 9, 16, 30

Cheney Cup Race, July 12

Port Townsend Jazz Cruise, July 25-27

## My Boat

This is the first, in what I hope will be a series of articles concerning member-owned boats. Admittedly, I have some space to fill this month, but I do think we'd all be interested in hearing about other boats...the pros and the cons. If you are interested, please send me your draft via email and we'll take care of the formatting. A photo of the boat should also be included.

To get things started, here is a little about our current boat, a Sea Sport 24. We bought it new from a



Bellingham dealer in September, 2000. It is powered by a Volvo Penta 5.7 liter gasoline V-8 engine with a dual prop outdrive. We have about 250 hours on the engine thus far and have had only a few problems

(gas tank leak and broken shift cable), but the Sea Sport factory (established in 1955), which is also located in Bellingham, has provided very good service. One thing that impressed us about the Sea Sport is the fit and finish which was much better than other similar boats.

At 3500 rpm the engine consumes about 10 gallons per hour and on flat water gives a cruising speed of approximately 25 knots. We can carry 120 gallons of fuel in two tanks. In choppy water the hull does "bang" as is typical of many deep V hulls. However, *Iron Genny* does handle very well in rough weather. We've had it out in 20 knot winds several times... not a smooth ride, not 25 knots, but very seaworthy none-the-less.

The V berth will sleep two (height < 6 ft). However, the boat is too small for extended camping, even for two. It also has a marine head with a small holding tank as well as a shower. A 20-gallon water tank also provides hot water. The closed interior is very comfortable, especially on rainy days.

Would I buy another one? Probably, since I can't afford the 30' aluminum Coastal Craft that I'd really like! --George Hatfield

## Member Classified Ads

**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](mailto:crystalb@fidalgo.net)

**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](mailto: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. \$7500 obo, call Chuck Mallory, 360-293-4267.

## Contributions to *Knot News*

Please send articles, photos and other items of interest to AYC members to George Hatfield, Editor, email [gphatfield2@comcast.net](mailto:gphatfield2@comcast.net) (NEW). The deadline for August is July 29.