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From the Helm

Dear Members,

Well, it is Friday night, the evening of the October general membership meeting. What a wonderful crowd to enjoy the fine feast of crab and chicken prepared by our Vice Commodore.



During the past two weeks Karen Thomsen and I have been painting the entryway to the yacht club. Take a look and notice how much softer it looks and much more appealing and welcoming as you enter. I guess you could say that a gallon of paint will make almost anything look good and change one's perspective about a lot.

Thank you to Bruce Backlund, George Way, Bill Bowman and Roger Wright for being the Nominating Committee for the year 2004. The new nominations are listed elsewhere in your *Knot News*.

For those of you who did not attend the general meeting tonight – I presented the program on the history of the Anacortes Yacht Club. In searching through boxes downstairs I came across many old newspaper articles of the history of the club, including pictures of the first Commodore and how the club proceeded to be what it is today. I think any one who knows me, knows that I have a lot of enthusiasm and passion for projects that I truly believe in. This was something that I enjoyed doing. My goal was to share this with the membership because we have a lot to be proud of, being members of the Anacortes Yacht Club.

Thank you for your support over the past year. It is hard to believe that the next article I write will be my

last one as Commodore. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving, whether you are with your loved ones, family members or just a gathering of friends - enjoy it all and the holiday.

Until next month, Cheers, Pam ☺

From The Vice Commodore

As we near the end of this year, I would like to say that I have enjoyed arranging for/ preparing the chow at our club functions. To my knowledge thus far, there have been no dire consequences of dining at the club. To finish out the year, we will have a 2-Buck night on Friday, November 14th that will be a Baked Potato Bar prepared by Gale Tamble. The General Meeting for November will be held on Saturday, the 22nd. This meeting will be our annual election of club officers and the Saturday date is required by our Club By-Laws. The meal at the meeting will be a Lasagna Dinner. I look forward to seeing you there. --Bill Booth, Vice Commodore



November Events

November 8-9, Around the County Race

November 14, \$2 Night Dinner

November 14-16, Port Angeles Land Cruise

November 22 (Saturday), General Meeting, Dinner and Election of Officers

From the Back of da Bus....

My assignment as “keeper of the pub” has been pretty uneventful lately and it is because I am always able to



draw on the support of so many volunteer bartenders. Folks, they ain’t all perfect and, for certain, not all are pretty but they do a great job and I appreciate their help a great deal... so be sure you tip them next time they serve you... this year’s “Vice Admiral’s Swaree” is the best

thank you they are going to get and your tips help to fund their fun.

Still with that thought in mind, one of our bartenders, Mr. Chuck Mallory, has made some disparaging remarks about my boat ownership and partnership with Keith Rubin. I asked Chuck to go beyond the norm recently... as he so often does... and this is what he said. “I’ll tend bar this Friday, Oct 3, for a show up fee of \$100 plus overtime after 1900. However, I need a commitment from *KatsAss* (that is *Cat Sass*, Chuck!) that they will NEVER ... EVER ... EVER ... EVER come within ten boat lengths of *Aeolus* while on the race course regardless of who has the right of way!

Aeolus has been referred to as the “prettiest girl at the dance” by many people including the Pope, Osama bin Laden, Jesus Christ, Mohammed the Prophet and many of my other personal friends, but also, many of the bikers in Anacortes last Saturday ... hint hint. *KatsAss* on the other hand has been referred to as a “terrorist threat to society” by many of the above references and by the APD, POA, ACLU, FBI, CIA, Friends of the Earth, Klu Klux Klan and many of my close relatives in the Hells Angels. SPEED KILLS!”

I can only say we are still having great fun sailing her and had a respectable showing (that means we had fun, sailed well but broke things) recently in Seattle at the Puget Sound Sailing Championships. We are having too much fun to pay attention to a quasi cruiser... speed doesn’t kill it just increases the thrill. We’ll be at Grand Prix in Seattle this coming weekend.

Thanks for supporting my efforts this year to you all. It’s been great fun!--Pat Barrett, Rear Commodore

AYC Candiates for 2004

On October 24, 2004 the nomination for the Officers and Board of Directors for 2004 was held. They are as follows:

Commodore - Bill Booth

Vice Commodore - Pat Barrett

Rear Commodore - Dave Malsed

Secretary - Brenda Cheaqui

Treasurer - Warren Walz

Position I (One year) - Bill Bowman or Bill Short

Position II (Two years) - Jim O’Neill

Your ballots mailed as soon as possible. Please mark your calendars for the Saturday, November 22, as that will November General Meeting and the elections of officers.

All About Bill and Jim

The candidates for office were asked to provide a short bio for the *Knot News*. Below you will find information from Bill Bowman and Jim O’Neill.

Bill Bowman has been nominated for the one of the Board Positions. He’s had the desire to sail ever since a girlfriend in high school turned him onto the sport.



Bill and Son

Photo from Jennifer Bowman

After biking down the West Coast and then traveling through Mexico and Central America he landed at

the Panama Canal where he tried to sail around the world at age 21. He hopped aboard a boat that was headed to the Galapagos, only to find that the skipper had not gotten the right paperwork to enter the country and they headed back through the canal to Florida, where he hitch-hiked home.

He spent time at Gompers boat building school in Seattle and then transferred to the carpenter's union at 26. Over 25 years later, he is still a carpenter and better yet still a sailor! He bought Krystal Ki (key) in 85 with a partner and they remodeled her so many times that Bill's wife, Jennifer, tells people it is no longer a CROSS trimaran design, but a modified Bowman design.

He joined the Multihull club in 1981 and then joined his first yacht club in 1990, The Sloop Tavern Yacht Club in Ballard.... best known for it's after-racing activities. The Bowmans have been members of AYC since 2000. With a five-year-old son at home and a remodel of the house scheduled, Bill hopes to squeeze in time as one of the new board members.

Jim O'Neill has been a member of the Club for ten years and has a Newport 30 foot sailboat (*Fresh Aire II*). Jim is a retired engineer and lives with his wife, Liz, in Arlington. He's raced the last couple summers in Wednesday night programs.

AYC Land Cruise December 5-7, 2003 Christmas Time in Victoria

Come join us for a Victorian Christmas in Victoria. Do your Christmas shopping, wander through



*The Empress Hotel
Photo from the Victoria website*

Butchart Gardens' Christmas Illuminations, visit the Victorian-era style decorations at the Craigdarroch Castle, enjoy a concert or play, get in the Christmas

spirit by touring the Festival of Trees at the The Empress, watch the eagles soar at the Goldstream Provincial Park, or cover your ears at Market Square while 40 Tubas perform Christmas songs!

Catch the 7:45 am ferry to Sidney December 5. Bring passport/birth certificate/picture ID. Fare for passengers or walk ons is \$13.25 or \$6.50 for seniors. Vehicle & driver fare is \$35.25 or \$28.65 seniors. Ferry arrives in Sidney at 10:45 am. Fare is one way.

Overnight accommodations will be at the Days Inn on the Harbour. Please call 1-250-386-3451 for reservations. Rates: \$79 CDN for harbour view, \$69 CDN residential view. They have complimentary street parking and a continental breakfast. Location: 427 Belleville Street, across from the U.S. ferry terminal and Wax museum on the harbour.

Friday, Dec. 5: Join cruise captains at the Oak Bay Beach Hotel & Marina Resort at 6:00 pm for "A Charles Dickens Christmas". This is a dinner theater with a fireside reception, 3 course dinner, and a 75 minute show that travels to Dickens historical England, celebrating Christmas in a light hearted traditional way with music and laughter. Tickets are \$55/person CDN. Call for reservations early: 1-800-668-7758 or reserve online at their web site infor@oakbaybeachhotel.com. Identify yourselves as with the AYC group for seating. Location: 1175 Beach Drive, OakBay. Or you could take in the Carol Fest at 7:00 pm at the Victoria Conference Centre Theater. Victorian costumed local choirs and caroling groups singing for charity. Tickets \$8.00 and \$6.00. For more info: web site victorianchristmas.ca.

Saturday, Dec. 6: Shop till you drop! See the above activities or just walk around town. Enjoying the Christmas season in Victoria or experience high tea at The Empress. Happy hour at 5pm. Bring snacks/drinks. Then on to Market Square for the 40 Tubas performance and then dinner (TBA).

Sunday, Dec. 7: Return to Anacortes on the 11:40 am ferry. Arrival in Anacortes at 2:45 pm. Need to pay another one way fare.

Please let us know if you plan on going on this land cruise. Call 360-293-8844 or email mshort@telcomplus.net. --Cruise Captains Bill and Marcia Short

Year to Date AYC Financial Report

The following financial report was submitted by AYC Treasurer Warren Walz. He noted that most of the membership dues income (approximately \$25,000) will be received this fall. Thus, the year will end on a positive note. Note that the following financial report is on a cash basis.

AYC Statement of Revenue and Expenses For the Year to Date, September, 2003

	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Direct Expenses</u>	<u>Gross Margin</u>
ACTIVITIES:			
Bar	\$7,984.09	\$4,711.52	\$3,272.57
Social Operations	6,651.31	6,331.59	319.72
Race Program	6,722.50	3,700.82	3,021.68
Merchandise	161.00	405.35	<u>(244.35)</u>
Gross Margin from activities			<u>6,369.62</u>
OTHER REVENUE:			
Membership dues			3,968.00
Dingy dock rental			758.00
Initiation fees			1,690.00
Interest			370.39
Building rental			775.00
Stock transfer fees (net)			180.00
Roster revenue			965.40
Donations and miscellaneous			<u>746.00</u>
Total other revenue			<u>9,452.79</u>
Gross activities margin and other revenue			<u>15,822.41</u>
GENERAL EXPENSES:			
Taxes and licenses			2,278.38
Insurance			2,337.97
Open club and membership			1,580.98
Utilities			2,611.22
Building cleaning and maintenance			4,093.45
Reciprocal and dingy dock rental			5,884.45
Office, newsletter, postage and miscellaneous			664.52
Roster			3,632.23
Dues and sponsorships			1,691.00
Depreciation			<u>3,610.83</u>
Total general expenses			<u>28,385.03</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES			<u>\$(12,562.62)</u>

Update - November Port Angeles Land Cruise

See the October issue of the *Knot News* for additional information on this land cruise. Now is the time to



*Red Lion Hotel, Port Angeles
Photo Port Angeles Website*

confirm with Maury and Helene Fink if you wish to attend the Coast Guard Tour on Friday afternoon November 14th. The USCG needs a list of those attending and we are to bring a piece of identification, such as our driver license. Also on Saturday afternoon the 15th we have lined up a historic/underground tour of Port Angeles. There will be a \$5.00 charge for this program. Again we need to know who will be attending for reservation purposes. Actually the tour is closed for the season but Don Perry will do a personal tour for us. We need a commitment from those wishing to attend either or both functions by November 1.

We will be staying at the Red Lion Hotel located on the shoreline of down town Port Angeles. If you wish to stay there also, the price is \$89 for rooms on the water view side and \$79 for rooms on the opposite side. They will be holding some rooms until November 1, so give them a call if you are interested. The phone 360-452-9215 or fax 360-417-5757. Friday and Saturday night we will serve munchies at our room, but you will need to furnish your own beverages. We will be making a group reservation for dinner. Feel free to make reservations at a motel of your choice! If you have any questions call us at 293-3814 or e-mail mhfink@comcast.net.

New Address for AYC Website

The Club has a new Website address: www.anacortesyachtclub.org. Check it out! Particularly the "Upcoming Events" section for scheduled Club activities. We will be enhancing the site significantly over the next several weeks in hopes that it will become the membership's primary source of information. Suggestions appreciated. Contact Webmaster Dave Thomson, eltortuga@comcast.net or 360-293-7900.

AYC Ships Store Update

A total of 24 AYC hats were ordered recently and already half of these have sold! We would like to place an order for the heavy fleece-lined AYC jackets as we are short in some sizes and colors. If you have a special request please call Leslie Dorn @ 293-8867 ASAP and no later than November 10th so we can get an order in. Happy Boating!

Octoberfest Races a Challenge

Last Saturday, October 25, we ran the Octoberfest regatta. There were 6 races of various lengths and with various race instructions. The weather was warm and sunny all day. The wind was light for the first race and then built up to about 10 knots or so.

Prior to the first race, the race committee, headed by Ron Elliott, distributed written instructions to each boat



*Slingshot Headed
for the Windward
Mark*

that stated that all boats were to pass through the start-finish line on each leg of each race. The document also said that the “A” fleet was to take all marks to starboard and the slower “B” & “C” fleets were to take all marks to port. Another instruction said that there would be a man overboard drill at some point during the day and that each boat must throw overboard a floating object and retrieve it before proceeding with the race.

Prior to the start of the first race verbal instruction was given over VHF channel 72 that all classes would start simultaneously. So, we have all fleets using the same marks and some rounding one way and some the opposite way. Sort of a yacht-racing version of a demolition derby race. We had 14 boats start at the same time and many soon met head on at the mark rounding. I think that we made it through the first race without major incident. For the next race the next verbal instruction was that all boats were to make a 360-degree turn around each mark. This made for many near misses and some collisions. This went through six races for the day, all with unusual instructions that tested everyone’s sailing skills and knowledge of right-of-way rules. Unfortunately, *Nellie* and

Aeolus hit with some damage and *Syndicat* and *Julia* also swapped some paint. If the wind had increased, it could have gotten real ugly – but it didn’t and it was a good day of sailing for everyone.

I hope to see you all at the ‘Round the County race November 8 and 9 and at the party at Roche Harbor! Below are the final series race results. --Walt Meagher

2003 Sail Race Results

Division 1

<u>Race / Series</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Third</u>
Champaign	<i>Grafix</i>	<i>Wired</i>	<i>Krystal Ki</i>
Hein Bank	<i>Wired</i>	<i>Gambler</i>	<i>Alakazam</i>
Tri-Straights	<i>Casseopeia</i>	<i>White Lightnin</i>	<i>Alakazam</i>
Corinthian	<i>Guy Noir</i>	<i>Grafix</i>	<i>Tryst</i>
Otterstadt	<i>Guy Noir</i>	<i>Tryst</i>	<i>Grafix</i>
Wally’s Tours	<i>Grafix</i>	<i>Guy Noir</i>	<i>Glissade</i>
Cheney Cup	<i>Tryst</i>	<i>Aeolus</i>	<i>Krystal Ki</i>

Division 2

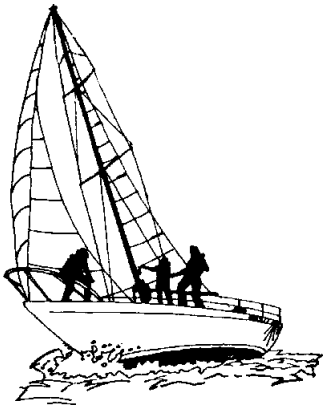
<u>Race / Series</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Third</u>
Champaign	<i>Syndicat</i>	<i>Flying Cloud</i>	<i>Handy- man</i>
Hein Bank	<i>Ceylidh</i>	<i>Handy- man</i>	<i>Syndicat</i>
Tri-Straights	<i>Handyman</i>	<i>Flying Cloud</i>	<i>Ceylidh</i>
Corinthian	<i>Handyman</i>	<i>Flying Cloud</i>	<i>Zoom</i>
Otterstadt	<i>Handyman</i>	<i>Ceylidh</i>	<i>Flying Cloud</i>
Wally’s Tours	<i>Inferno</i>	<i>Handy- man</i>	<i>Flying Cloud</i>
Cheney Cup	<i>Handyman</i>	<i>Zotz</i>	<i>Flying Cloud</i>

Division 3

<u>Race / Series</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Third</u>
Champaign	<i>Friendship</i>	<i>Puffin</i>	<i>Sunshine</i>
Hein Bank	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tri-Straights	<i>Nellie</i>	<i>Puffin</i>	N/A
Corinthian	<i>Nellie</i>	<i>Friendship</i>	<i>Puffin</i>
Otterstadt	<i>Nellie</i>	<i>Puffin</i>	<i>Little Eva</i>
Wally’s Tours	<i>Fresh Aire II</i>	<i>Puffin</i>	<i>Friendship</i>
Cheney Cup	<i>Nellie</i>	N/A	N/A

Another View of Octoberfest

I did all six Octoberfest races and with hindsight have to say that what we all agreed to bordered on the insane. For five races we had boats rounding the first weather mark with the B and C fleets instructed to leave all marks to port and the less numerous fleet of A boats instructed to leave all marks to starboard. For five races it worked at a crowded first mark rounding and there were no serious incidents of which I am aware. Thank goodness the wind was relatively light and there were no 40 footers like *Pangaea*, *Gambler* or *Teddy Bear* having to steer clear of starboard tackers at the first mark. Since I always had to round the weather mark on port tack I always made a point of giving the starboard tack boats lots of room.



Unfortunately the same instructions, big boats leave all marks to starboard and B and C fleets leave all marks to port, applied to the sixth race which had a downwind start with the first mark rounding at the leeward mark. At that first mark it was a zoo! The B fleet was engaged in the usual fire drill of dropping spinnakers, getting their headsails up and jockeying for position to round the leeward mark. Even both of the C fleet boats were in the pack and on port tack. Unfortunately what the B and C fleet boats tended to forget was that for the first time of the day the crowded first mark rounding involved A fleet boats coming in on STARBOARD TACK! What ensued was a general disregard by the much larger fleet of B and C boats of the fundamental rule in racing of STARBOARD TACK HAS THE RIGHT OF WAY!

It was pandemonium in the sixth race when my boat, *Aeolus*, approached the leeward mark on starboard and faced a flock of port tackers jockeying for the inside position to round the mark. By altering my course I managed to avoid three port tackers, but had a glancing collision with a fourth which so angered me that I decided to drop out of the race. Fortunately no damage was done to *Aeolus* and only slight damage to the other boat. I can't really find fault with the

skipper of the boat I hit as the rounding was so congested with boats he was probably truly unaware *Aeolus* was coming in on starboard tack.

I brought up the issue of what I felt were foolish race instructions with the race committee at the clubhouse after the race and the reply I got was that even if I had the right of way I had the option of going wide and giving up my rights. Balderdash! Either we observe the racing rules at all times and can hope for reasonable compliance from others or we should drop all the right of way rules for a fun regatta called Octoberfest and change the name to "Octoberbumperboatfest."

It was an exciting day of short course around the buoy racing made more interesting with all fleets starting together. The MOB drill was a good idea. As for having to circle a mark after rounding I suggest that if required in the future it be treated as a penalty turn where all rights of way are forfeited by a boat doing a penalty. The weather was great with lots of sun and a light to medium breeze for some wonderful fall sailing. However, in my opinion, we need to examine whether we as a yacht club wish to endorse such foolishness in the future. There are significant safety and liability issues involved and I for one will not compete next year if we don't put some sanity back into the race instructions for Octoberfest. I hope the AYC Race committee and racing skippers will think long and hard about endorsing such racing in the future. --Chuck Mallary.

Member Want Ads

Avoid the Guemes Channel hassle and keep your boat that much closer to the islands. Skyline (Anacortes) moorage; 30 ft slip with allowable 6 ft overhang for \$200/month. Contact Tim Hall at 360-293-0380.

Sextant for sale: Astra IIIB with whole horizon mirror, standard model. Excellent condition. Original wooden box plus plastic, water tight case. Current price from Celestaire \$445 plus the cost of the case, yours for \$375, firm. Call George Hatfield, 360-588-1443.

Contributions to the *Knot News*

Please send articles, photos and other items of interest to AYC members to George Hatfield, Editor, email gphatfield2@comcast.net. The deadline for the December issue is Friday, November 28.