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## From the Helm



Hello Everyone,

Well by golly it is the end of the year; this is my last message as your Commodore. I won't tell you that I have had fun – in fact I have had a BLAST – its has been quite an experience and an

adventure. I have learned a lot about myself, but most important I have learned a lot about all of you that I have come in contact with and truly appreciate you all more for what you do.

A special note of a group of people who made my job a lot easier and truly fun – my Board of Directors. In all my years of being on the Board I sincerely feel that I have had the most awesome group of people ever. Thanks for your honesty, support and dedication.

From the beginning, at the Commodore Ball in January 2003 – I talked about the importance of the yacht club favorite phrase “Being a Volunteer.” During the past year many events have taken place. Whether or not you were fortunate enough to be the Cruise Director, the Race Chairman, the Regatta Chairman, the person in charge of a \$2.00 night, a decorating committee, organizing the general meetings, contributing or being part of the newsletter, being a bartender, assisting with special projects, helping set up and clean up in the kitchen, or just simply raising your hand or using your voice to make it all happen, I personally want to say THANK YOU.

It takes all of us to make it work and everyone volunteers in their own way and in their own style, so let's

be appreciative of a friendly “what can I do to help,” smile and nod and continue on because it is just that wonderful to have everyone involved.

One of my personal highlights of the year, of course was being involved with the finishing of the multi-purpose room. All who took the time to make it work did a wonderful job. I am very proud of the way it turned out, as I know you all are. I am also extremely proud of the new fresher entry way that truly echoes, “you are most welcome to the Anacortes Yacht Club.”

I wish to Bill Booth, calm seas and fair winds as he assumes the leadership of the club as the new Commodore along with his Board of Directors.

Usually here I simply say see you next month, well not this time. I will see you all at the Club, and have a chance to visit more. Remember that the Commodore Ball is scheduled for January 17, 2004. Let's all go, party a lot and celebrate with pride, as we are all the best the Anacortes Yacht Club has to offer.

Happy Holidays to each and everyone – happiness, peace and love in the New Year.

Cheers ☺, Pam

## AYC Christmas Party

The yacht club will be all decorated and ready for the holiday season. Put on your Christmas sweaters and bring a hearty appetizer and enjoy the evening with friends. There will be Christmas music and lots of cheer. December 19th at 6:00 pm. If you have any suggestions, questions or wish to help, call Linda Harbers, 299-2328 or email at [mvarberlights@hotmail.com](mailto:mvarberlights@hotmail.com).

## Still More on Octoberfest

As the instructions for Octoberfest stated, the day's races did not have any significance on the outcome of Anacortes Yacht Club's racing program and was meant



*Ron Elliott,  
Octoberfestmeister*

to be a fun day racing unconventional courses. From the overwhelming response from skippers and crews I believe this was accomplished.

As with any form of sailboat racing there is an inherent danger of collisions and injury. I think we are all grateful there were no injuries (we all escaped death again!).

With the courses called by the race committee that day the potential for both was much greater than the standard courses we are use to sailing.

NO race should ever be conducted without the rules of racing. In the race instructions it was stated....."Remember Port-Starboard, windward/lee-ward and don't hit anybody." Other than equipment failure, when boats collide it is due to skipper error on one or both skippers, period. The skipper of each boat decides whether they will or will not participate. It should be noted that the 360 mark rounding mentioned in a Chuck Mallory's commentary on the race (November *Knot News*) was not the first that day. Why continue after the first sign of insanity? Port-Starboard. Starboard had rights on the Port tackers. All day the race committee observed boats talking to each other on right of way situations, with several boats giving up their rights for the safe passing of another boat. Would you impose your rights on a loaded logging truck at Sharp's corner? As far as liability is concerned, skippers all signed waivers. Next year's Octoberfest? How about sailing backward for a 100 yds, maybe a figure 8. --Ron Elliott, Octoberfestmeister

## New Members

Approved at the November Board Meeting: John and Linda Seely, 118 W. Sheridan Place, Lake Bluff, IL 60044, (847) 295-0923, ljswanson@comcast.net. Boat: Grand Banks 42', *Voyager* (owned with their in-laws, Dick & Laura Smock). -- Dave Thomson

## Cruise Committee Meeting

Anyone interested in cruising in 2004 should attend the last Cruise Committee meeting for 2003 on Saturday, December 13, 2003 at 10:00am at the Anacortes Yacht Club. Anyone who is interested in cruising in the future with the club, please show up! The activity for the meeting is to discuss and improve our cruises. The topics to cover will be:

- The cruises for the past years
- Discuss what worked on those cruises
- What did not work in the past?
- What you want to do on a cruise next year
- Set a new schedule for 2004

The outcome of the meeting will be to develop a direction for future cruises. Many suggestions have been made to generate a higher interest in future cruises. Should we have fewer cruises with better-planned activities? Should we cruise with other clubs to expand the social interface with other boaters? More race/cruises to develop other boater interests? New places to explore as a yacht club?

Madelyn and I will furnish snacks and coffee for the meeting. Hopefully, we can come up with new ideas for the new Cruise Chairperson. Thank you for your input and see you December 13. --Phil Case

## Dave Malsed, Rear Commodore 2004

Dave was raised on Bainbridge Island and have been boating all of his life, mostly on Puget Sound. He graduated from the University of Washington in Forest Engineering and worked for 31 years with Washington State Department of Natural Resources, retiring in July 2002. Dave is active with the Society of American Foresters on a local, state, regional and national level. He was State Forester of the year in 2002 and elected a Fellow in 1999. He is also a graduate of the Washington Agriculture and Forestry Education Foundation's Leadership Program.

Dave's boating experience includes many years of boating on Puget Sound. He started racing sailboats

in 1965 and has raced since then. The Malseds have had a sailboat in Anacortes since 1991 and sailed in the San Juans, Gulf Islands, and Discovery Islands. He was a member of the Longview Yacht Club from 1989 to 2000 and then moved to Anacortes and joined the Anacortes Yacht Club in 2001. They currently have a Catalina 36 sailboat which is moored at Cap Sante.

Other AYC officers for 2004 include:

Commodore - Bill Booth

Vice Commodore - Pat Barrett

Treasurer - Warren Walz

Secretary - Brenda Cheaqui

Position I (one year) - Bill Bowman

Position II (two years) - Fred West

Position III (two years) - Jim O'Neill

## Land Cruise to Port Angeles

Lin Folsom, Linda Newland, Laura and Dick Smock, Meilen and Spencer Swain, Madelyn and Phillip Case, Dorothy and Richard Smith and Helene and Maurice Fink attended the November Land Cruise to Port Angeles. The Port Angeles Coast Guard gave them a tour of the 87' Coast Guard Cutter *Wahoo* and a close up, touch and feel of their helicopter. Crew members spent a lot of time answering questions, which made the tour last three hours. Everyone was astonished how young all the crew members were, which would lead one to believe that maybe the crew had opposite thoughts about the observers! Saturday morning Mr. Horne, a local resident, took the group on an interesting tour of World War II facilities that most were unaware existed. In the afternoon everyone went on the guided Heritage Walking Tour which included underground facilities similar to the Seattle Underground Tour. Early Sunday morning some hurried back on the Port Townsend ferry only to experience a horrible windy ride. Ask Spencer and Meilen! That was the last ferry crossing for the rest of the day! Others took the Edmonds ferry back. Shown in the photo are Spencer Swain, Dick Smock, Meilen Swain, Laura Smock,



*AYC Members on Tour in Port Angeles  
Photo from Maury Fink*

Richard Smith, Mr. Horne and Lin Folsom. -- Maury Fink

## 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 \$350. Call George Hatfield, 360-588-1443.

## New Address for AYC Website

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

## 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](mailto:gphatfield2@comcast.net). The deadline for the January 2004 issue is Saturday, December 27.