



# KNOT NEWS

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## Notes from the Center of Dah' Boat

The last I spoke with Bill's family on Friday, he was in recovery and doing well at Harborview. He had been struggling with pain and infections that just would not go away. He had additional surgery on September 23 at Harborview Medical Center.

They amputated one leg at the knee due to an infection in the bone of his heel. It just would not go away no matter what was done. In addition, they worked on an area in his chest that had stitches break away some time ago. The pain is much better but they are still dealing with some complications. I spoke Bill today and he is in good spirits and looking forward to moving forward. He expects to be back at Life Care Center by next week sometime. In the meantime he always appreciate calls and can be reached at (360) 840-0913. He asked that I relay his thoughts and comments to all... "Thanks to all for the calls, cards and work done around their home, not to mention your prayers, thoughts. You guys don't know how much it is appreciated!" Here are his addresses: Home: 2515 D Avenue, Anacortes, WA 98221; Life Care Center of Skagit Valley, 1462 SR20, Room 408, Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284, cell phone: 360-220-5991.



The monthly General Membership Meetings started again in September. Last Friday the annual Salmon BBQ took place. Rod Bell was in charge of the salmon preparation. He, along with a crack crew of supervisory wine drinkers... no... I mean "helpers," put out 50 lbs of the finest fresh caught local king salmon filets. The new BBQ rack was put to the test. This rack, designed by Ray Connell and manufactured by Maury Fink, is some kind of fine! It will be used in the future for much more than fish. See photos from the BBQ elsewhere in this issue.

Thank you all for your help with setup as needed and cleanup. My friend, Carol Miner, pitched in ahead of time to get things prepped... thanks, Carol. Many others, including, but not limited to, Chuck and Nancy Lang, Jim O'Neil, Ann Green, Vic Childs and others I didn't see, helped to cleanup. Gatherings are great fun, especially when many help to make it so.

Our program at the BBQ consisted of my attempt to get many to speak of their summer sailing adventures. We did get a few stories and lots of humor. A couple of nominations for the "Rubber Ducky" award came forth with some fine stories. I for one would love to have an evening of 10-minute water stories from the various members. I know that putting many "on the spot" was probably not fair. So with a bit of preparation, are there some takers? Maybe next month.

Next month is the traditional "Crab Feed." It'll be delicious and fun. Set your calendar for October 22. If we can have the above-mentioned "10-Minute Water Stories" program, I think it would be great fun. If not, please put your suggestions forward for a program. Due to business commitments, I will need much help with the Crab Feed, as I will be out of town until about 6:30pm that evening. Help!

If there are those of you out there who would like to see "holiday" decorations for the Christmas and New Year, you need to step forward. Also, if a Christmas and/or New Years party is something you'd like to attend, some leadership to get these things done is needed. There are several members who will help and have expressed interest. Linda Harber has taken charge of decorations and the gatherings in the past and will be available to help if needed.

As always, if you have ideas to make the Club better, please jump in and help or let me know your idea. Remember... Life is Short... Sail Fast... Sail Often.  
--Pat Barrett, Vice Commodore - Acting Commodore

## From Dave...

I don't understand where all the time goes so fast, but another month has gone by and here I am jotting down a few notes for the *Knot News*. We have set up classes



for getting your "Alcohol Servers Permit." For the convenience of our members I have an instructor coming to the club house on October 6 at 5:00pm. This will be about a three-hour class. For those who can not make that class, there is one at the Cranberry Tree Restaurant in Mt Vernon

on October 15 and November 18 starting at 1:30pm. The cost is \$30 and the club will reimburse you for this upon completion.

You will also need a "Food Handler's Permit" and these are available through the Health Department in Mt. Vernon. They will also have classes in Anacortes on Oct 15 at 12:45, 1:30, 2:15, and 3:00pm in the City Council Chambers. The cost is \$10 and it too is reimbursable by the club upon completion.

The good part of this is that we will increase the pool of bartenders and spread around the fun of doing something with the club and getting to know more members. Of course, you will be wondering what it will entail once you start tending bar. It is not a big deal and I will team you up with one of the existing bartenders for the first time and you will be asking yourself what the all the worry was about being a bartender. Join in on the fun.

Now that we are going into our fall schedule of events we are starting to see all of the cruisers coming back and hearing about their adventures. It makes me want to get through the winter so I can go to as many of the places as possible next year. Look for our nomination and teller committee to come up with good slate of candidates for our Board and officers next year. If they ask you to be a part of it, I encourage you to do it. I know it is a little work, but I am having a lot of fun and I am sure you would too. I am heading out the door for a meeting in Edmonton, so if you need something from the club, contact one of the other officers or hold that thought until I get back on the October 11. --Dave Malsed, Rear Commodore

## Stuart Island Cruise

The cruising season for AYC ended this past weekend with eleven boats participating in the annual Wine and Cheese Cruise to Reid Harbor, Stuart Island. Except for some bothersome fog to and from, the weather was perfect both days and the gathering on the large float at Reid turned into great fun.



*More Wine! Oh ya, some cheese too!*  
*Photo from Dave Thomson*

Participants included: Phil & Madelyne Case, *In the Mood*; Ken & Betsy Cave, *Dragon Tale*; Bill & Brenda Cheaqui, *B&B*; Steve Dubnoff & Mariann Lowe, *Nereid*; Roy Gothberg & friends, *Shaula*; Doug & Carol Hansen, *Mariah*; Bill & Marsha Short, *Friendship*; Dick & Laura Smock, plus family, *Voyageur*; Dave & Karen Thomson, *Tortuga*; Warren & Linda Walz, *Mischief*; Roger & Jane Wright, *Anticipation*.

We will need a new Cruise Chair for 2005; please contact me if you are interested in this fun job! -- Dave Thomson

## One Design and PHRF Racing Seminar - October 16

Come and join us for this great seminar which is being jointly sponsored by One Design Plus and the Santana 20 Class Association. All boats are welcome! The seminar is also open to PHRF boats who want good advice and practice. This is a great opportunity for your team to improve its boat speed, boat handling and tactics and sail trim. Bring your questions! We will customize the day to the needs of the participants. If you cannot

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join us on the water then, join us in the land discussions both in the morning and in the afternoon after sailing. There will be a \$25.00 fee per boat. Plan to bring your own lunches. Please pay the registration fee to “One Design Plus” at 1213 1/2 14th Street, Anacortes, WA 98221. Contact Steve Orsini at One Design Plus, (360) 293-1151 or [stephen@onedesignplus.com](mailto:stephen@onedesignplus.com), if you have questions.

The clinic will be conducted by Andrew Kerr. Andrew is the official Santana 20 Fleet Ambassador. He has sailed in the fleet for more than 15 years. He is a co-owner of the Seattle based-Santana 20, *Disaster Area*. Chris Winnard is the other co-owner. Andrew has won the Santana 20 Nationals four times and was the lead instructor for J World Sailing Schools for 12 years, from 1988 to 2000. He is a full time sailing coach/speaker, in a wide variety of classes nationwide, and writes for a number of sailing publications.

Here is the tentative schedule for the day:

**9 to 11am:** Meet and discuss boat speed and tactics. We will also go to a boat at the dock to demonstrate techniques.

**11:45am to 4:00pm:** On the water drills - short course racing with many starts and mark roundings. We will do as many starts as you might do in half a season! Lots of boat-to-boat tactics.

The coach will be going from boat to boat and we will also videotape parts of the land and water sessions (with commentary) for later review. Boats will be teamed up with an appropriate tuning partner and will tune upwind and downwind to maximize boat speed.

**4:30pm to about 6:00pm:** Videotape review and full debrief of the day. Question and answer session.

The dialogue will be ongoing as participants are welcome to email the coach - Andrew Kerr - with any questions about their sailing and racing. Andrew’s email address is: [kerrsailing@aol.com](mailto:kerrsailing@aol.com).

This should be a great social time for the fleet along with some great racing! Please contact Steve Orsini to let him know if you and crew plan to attend, so he can get a head count for lunch and the seminar.

## Cat Sass Wins PITCH 2004

At last *Cat Sass* wins her first major regatta. With the win, comes more energy and much is being done to move to a truly competitive boat. Our crew is coming together and at PITCH, with Keith Rubin on the helm, along with Carol Miner, Vic Childs and myself, we



*Cat Sass headed downwind in PITCH*  
*Photo from Pat Barrett*

had a great and exciting weekend in very high winds. As I write, Keith has been doing a great deal of head scratching and work on the rigging design. New sails will come, but in due time, as we get a better understanding of what we need to sail simply and fast.

When the wind blows, many ask... “How fast were you going?” With no instruments (and frankly they’re not a priority) Keith says... “20 knots.” I can only say... it’s REALLY fun!

The boat’s designer and previous owner is always curious as to how things are going and the changes we are working on. Below are parts of an email sent to Bowie recently by Keith as an update.

“...Bowie... The board-building project went well into spring and we missed many races. We finally built a board using the Farrier method (much fairing required). I also modified the wooden board by sharpening the trailing edge (rudders too). Now the foils do not “sing.” A coat of bottom paint, new main halyard (no ring for the hook), new lacing for the front tramp and some sail repairs.

This spring we officially changed the boat name to “*Cat Sass*”. It was a fine ceremony with champagne, conch-shell blowing and a maiden was “sacrificed.”

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Other changes will be done this winter. Priorities are: smaller jib for heavy air and a jib halyard on the mast so that headsails can be changed easily while racing (probably hank-on without furler). Re-rig main traveler, outhaul and runners. One more carbon, foam and glass daggerboard.



We had our first good regatta this weekend. It was a two-day regatta in Bellingham Bay. That bay is choppy and reminds me a lot of Sandusky

Bay in Ohio where I raced for years in the 60s and 70s. We know how to stay powered up and punch through the chop. Boy is it wet, though. There were three F31s, an F27, an F33 and *Cat Sass* registered for the race. The F33 was a no show. Our finishes were DNF (6), 1, 1, 1, 2 for a total of 11. That was just good enough for first place by one point. This is our first regatta win with *Cat Sass*. We had a great time in a fun fleet.”

Note, we did have a bit of a problem the first race, having “hooked” the mark (as opposed to hitting it) and we drug it a very long way downwind at 12-15 knots. Since we were the first fleet around the mark, no one else could catch the mark until we let go. We did catch a bit of grief over that one. --Pat Barrett

### Lido Championships Here October 10

The Lido 14 Fleet 78 Championships will be held on Sunday, October 10, 2004, in Anacortes. Plan to meet at the dock at 11 am to rig your boats. We are shooting for a start at 11:45 am. Fleet 78 is the local Anacortes fleet and we are hoping to make this a fun regatta. Even if you have not sailed your Lido in ages, please plan to attend. Garrett Johns is our Fleet 78 Captain and he is organizing the trophies and the after-racing barbecue at the AYC club house. We will probably be off the



water at about 2:30pm, so we are not in for a long event. Local fleet boats will also be available. We have four Lido 14s (three Anacortes Sailing Club boats and Mark Miller’s boat, the *Green Streak*) which we will make available on a first-come first-serve basis to those who want to race, but do not have a boat. Donations will be accepted for these boats... whatever you think is fair for the day. This donation could be in the \$25 range and is tax deductible for a check made out to the Anacortes Sailing Club. Also, you must pay for damage, if it comes to that, and you should be able to sail a dinghy. The damage clause does not apply to ASC youth sailors who can opt for a boat at no cost, but must do so on a first-come first-serve basis. We hope to see you all out racing Lido 14s on Fidalgo Bay! Questions? Contact Garrett Johns at (360) 420-6428, [gwjohns@yahoo.com](mailto:gwjohns@yahoo.com), or Steve Orsini at (360) 293-1141, [stephen@onedesignplus.com](mailto:stephen@onedesignplus.com).” -- Garrett Johns and Steve Orsini

### New Members

Welcome! Welcome! It is always great to welcome new members. As well this month, I would like to welcome two past members who have returned to AYC. Frank and Bev Pasqual reinstated their membership after a short sabbatical. Bev served as a Board member for a number of years and Frank is an avid boater and fisherman. Most know the Pasquals and are very pleased to have them as active members again. They can be reached at the following: Frank and Bev Pasqual , 5104 Sterling Drive , Anacortes, WA 98221, (360) 299-9839, [bevpasqual@msn.com](mailto:bevpasqual@msn.com).



Brand new members this month are Pete and Norma Shainin. They moved to the Skagit Valley several years ago from New York to establish the administrative office for Pete’s consulting firm. They own a Stevens 47 ft. sailboat called *Passepartout*. Pete is very enthusiastic about sailing and wants to race and cruise offshore. Pete and Norma can be reached at the following: Pete and Norma Shainin, 13140 Josh Wilson Road, Mt. Vernon, WA 98273, (360) 757-6458, [pshainin@shainin.com](mailto:pshainin@shainin.com). --Barbara Ritts, Membership Chair

## Alaska Voyage Continued

Here is the first half of the last letter from Linda and John Seely on their return from Alaska. May 29 to September 8, 2004. What a great way to spend the summer. They left our home for their home, Lake Bluff, Illinois, on September 15, via Banff and across Canada. All is back to normal now, but all four of us recommend this trip most highly. Put it on your cruising schedule for some time in your life. Don't miss it! --Dick and Laura Smock



Dear Friends and Family... It's been almost a month since I last wrote and we are back in Anacortes, WA. We left Ketchikan, heading south, on August 17th, after entertaining Art and Tina and family on *Voyageur* in the morning. They stopped in for a visit from their BIG cruise ship. We had our first rain in Ketchikan that day. It rained on and off all day, but we had flat seas and arrived in Foggy Bay that afternoon. I saw the stars for the first time on this trip. Earlier in the summer it stayed light too late to make it easy to stay up and watch them, particularly since we were usually in bed by 9pm. The Milky Way was a clear, bright band; individual stars so close you felt as if they would fall right into the bay. The next day we had fog all the way to Prince Rupert. When we pulled into the Prince Rupert Rowing and Yacht Club, we met Myrna and Joe on *Windarra*, their Catalina 38. Made me kind of miss *Kestrel*, although since it had been raining, I didn't miss her too much!

We have made so many friends along the way this year, which is not unusual for this kind of cruising. Roger in *Silent Sam* gave us canned salmon and canned moose and moose sausage, all of which he made or canned himself. He also led us on the tour of the old hotel in Ocean Falls, and he helped me find my Porcupine bones. We had Pizza with Myrna and Joe (*Windarra*) and Roger, and kind of soft ice cream with Georg and Mika (*Luna Eclipse*) and Carolyn and Gene (*Windborne*) one night on *Voyageur*. Our freezer isn't really up to ice cream. We spent time in several anchorages and harbors with Linda and John on *Gavia* and Nancy and Stanley on *Special Time*. In Greenway sound we met and had dinner with Howie and Mindy

on their Grand Banks, *God Fornojelse* ("have a good time" in Danish) with their two golden retrievers, Admirals Nimitz and Halsey. Howie and Mindy are friends of Mom and Dad. In Lagoon Cove, we again met Sherry and Bill, with their little spaniel, Ollie, on *Augenblick*, whom we knew from last year, and had spent time with in Juneau on this trip. They got us into Costco in exchange for a ride there in the car we rented.

We stayed in Prince Rupert long enough to make sure we had dinner at the Cow Bay Cafe, and excellent little restaurant. We always try to hit the good ones. From there we went to Lowe Inlet where we had kind of a tough time anchoring in about 60 feet of water, in the rain and were pretty surprised to see the little rope at the end of the chain which was the only thing attaching the anchor chain to the anchor locker. It sure gave John a start to see that coming out as we put out all the chain! There's now a big shackle attaching the chain to the boat. We celebrated Cody's fifth birthday that night. Apple turnovers with a candle, and a used candle at that. We waste nothing. OK, almost nothing. Cody's favorite birthday present was the rawhide bone. I doubt the new leash and collar were much of a hit. The next day in Bishop Bay it rained and rained. We anchored in 65 feet of water, and swung into 110 feet. We did get to soak in the hot springs there, however.

The next night we had a nice salmon dinner in Bottleneck Inlet and it didn't rain! There were a couple of curious seals swimming around, but no bears. The next morning was bright and sunny, although cool, and everyone and their brother were out fishing. We dodged gill nets and seine boats with their nets out, some places almost totally blocking the channel. As we headed through Reid Passage, we met the aforementioned Roger on *Silent Sam*. At the beginning of the summer when we left him in Klewnugget, we had agreed to meet in Shearwater on the 3rd of August, and there we all were! We had dinner together in Shearwater that night and the next day Roger took us in his big tender over to Bella Bella to the grocery and liquor stores. It's a First Nations town very close to Shearwater, with a much larger selection of food and drink than is available there. It started raining on the way back. John really should have worn his raincoat. The next day we headed out for Ocean Falls, through Gunboat passage, a narrow and very pretty place. Still

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cloudy. We arrived just ahead of Roger and took a walk with him through the old saw mill. All the large machinery for moving huge logs around is still there. The next day we packed peanut butter and jelly and walked to Martin Valley, up along the river. We saw a few salmon, and expected to see bear, but didn't see any. *To be continued in the November issue.*

## Some of those who helped with the salmon BBQ... Thank you!



*The cooks : Dave Thomson, Bill Cheaqui, Dick Smock, Bob Carlson & Rod Bell.  
Photo from Vic Childs*



*Maury and Helene Fink fabricated the new grill for Rod's handywork.  
Photo from George Hatfield*

## Member Want Ads

I have a boat trailer for sale. 1992 Quality boat trailer, bunk, single axle, used for 16' boat. Could be converted to use for motorcycles, other toys, or for hauling. \$500. Jeanie Browne (360) 293-8209.

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, firm. Call George Hatfield, (360) 588-1443.

## Food Handler's Permit

For those of you who need to get or renew your food handler's permit, please review the following information. This permit is needed by those working as bartenders at the club. You can get your permit in two places. Anytime at the Health Department in Mt. Vernon. Just show up and watch the video and take the test. For those who do not want to go over to Mt. Vernon, there will be a class in Anacortes on October 15. It will be held in the City Council Chambers at 6<sup>th</sup> and O Streets. Times are 12:45, 1:30, 2:15 and 3pm. You might find these times to be a little more convenient. At both places the cost is \$10 upon successful completion of the test. The AYC will reimburse you for this cost. --Dave Malsed

## Email and Other Changes

For all address changes (including telephone and email), contact Dave Thomson, 360-293-7900, [eltortuga@comcast.net](mailto:eltortuga@comcast.net), or drop a note to the address shown in the Roster.

## Knot News Contributions

The deadline for the November issue is Saturday, October 30. Please send an article, photos and other items of interest to George Hatfield, Editor, at [gphatfield2@comcast.net](mailto:gphatfield2@comcast.net).

# **Anacortes Yacht Club**

## **October Activities**

**AYC Bar opens Friday, October 1, 5:30pm**

**Tri Straits III, Saturday, October 2**

**Bartender Training, Wednesday, October 6, 5pm**

**AYC Bar opens Friday, October 8, 5:30pm**

**\$2 Night, Friday, October 8, 5:30-8:30pm**

**Blakely Island Cruise, Saturday and Sunday, October 9-10**

**Lido Championships, Sunday, October 10**

**AYC Bar opens Friday, October 15, 5:30pm**

**Passage Race Makeup, Saturday, October 16**

**One Design and PHRF Racing Seminar, Saturday October 16**

**AYC General Meeting Friday, October 22, Bar opens at 5:30pm**

**Octoberfest Race, Saturday, October 23**

**Board Meeting, Tuesday, October 26, 7pm**

**AYC Bar opens Friday, October 29, 5:30pm**