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Anacortes Yacht Club's 113th Year

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From the Rear Commodore

Thanksgiving weekend is upon us as I am writing these notes. We have a house full with both of our kids home and their spouses, etc., with them. It is great having everyone at home. The kidding and fighting between the siblings is still there, but somehow it is not as annoying as it used to be. Like all Thanksgivings, I eat way too much and am thankful it only comes once a year.



It is hard to believe that a year ago I was getting ready to assume the duties of Rear Commodore. I can honestly say that it has been a lot of fun and I now look forward to turning the reins over to Vic Childs. During this time I have gotten to know a lot of the club's members. We do have a great group of people who belong and enjoy the fellowship of our club.

As the year ends and the new one begins, you will notice some changes besides the officers. The Board at its last meeting authorized the purchase of a new ice machine. Vic will probably enjoy this more than the rest of us. It seems like I was constantly working with the old one to keep it running. The other big one is that we are going to have the road and parking area that goes behind the clubhouse graded and new crushed rock applied. Maybe we won't have to dodge the pot holes as much. The deck around the club house is starting to show signs of its age, and we are looking into what repairs will be needed and getting them done early before it becomes a major job.

The bartenders dinner had to be moved from Dec 3rd to Jan 7th. The bartenders are a great group of volun-

teers who have been there all year to keep the refreshments flowing, and I know I have appreciated it. This little dinner is just a small token that we can do to thank them for all of their work. This means that we will not be having a Friday Happy Hour on January 7th. Be sure and mark it on your calendar.

New Year's Eve falls on a Friday this year and so we will be keeping the bar open longer, like past midnight. If you come down bring some finger foods to share and we can ring in the New Year together. I will have some bubbly cooled down and some party favors around to get us in the mood and enjoy ourselves. If anyone has some suggestions of ideas about the party, please let me know.

As I move on to Vice Commodore, one of my big functions will be the \$2 Nights and the General Meetings. I am looking for ideas about programs that would be of interest to the club. Please let me know of any suggestions you might have. I will also be needing volunteers to help with putting on the \$2 dinners. Bill and Marcia Short and others assure me that they are really easy and fun. These are the same folks that told me that bartending was fun and easy. They were correct about that, so I am very comfortable that these dinners will be as well. But, get me your ideas as I need them to keep it varied and interesting.

I want to give my thanks to two people this month. The first is Pat Barrett who has had to wear two hats a lot this year. The other is George Hatfield for being the editor of the *Knot News*. He has put out a newsletter to the club every month without fail, and they have been good. Without his efforts we would not have had the communication about the club to our members that we have had. For that I extend a big THANK YOU! --Dave Malsed, Rear Commodore

No General Meeting in December

Dave Martin, New *Knot News* Editor

I have been a member of the Anacortes Yacht Club for over 3 years and joined the club with my wife, Janet, on the advice of fellow member Tom Gilbert with whom we jointly own the sailboat *Grafix* - a Soverel 33. I have been active in the racing fleet and recently competed in the 2004 Vic-Maui race on fellow member Gary Schoenrock's boat, *Cassiopeia*. Both Janet and I enjoy racing, but we are also looking forward to some serious cruising on the soon-to-be-completed renovation of their 1936 44' Alden Cutter named *Anacapa*, which is scheduled to come out of the shop in late spring. Famous last words!

I am looking forward to the position of Editor of the *Knot News* because I think it is an excellent resource for members of the club. To be quite candid, I think George has done a fabulous job with the newsletter and I am sorry to see him "retire." I just hope I can fill his shoes and keep the publication to the same high standard.

One of the reasons I think the *Knot News* is so great is that it expands one's knowledge of happenings around the club and points out the great diversity of boating interests that make up the whole. For instance, even though my main tie to the club is through racing, each month I read with great interest the articles on cruises to other harbors and the great times had by all. This energizes me to seriously consider taking part in more functions - events that I might not even consider if it wasn't for the *Knot News*.

My plans for the publication are simple: Basically try to keep up the same high standards as George's, with the addition of one additional section: Racing. Although there are exceptions, traditionally the racers have been lax at submitting articles and there is little visibility throughout the club on how well AYC racers really do in some of the more competitive events. I would like to challenge the racers to submit more articles in 2005 on the events in this area. My sincere hope is that these racing articles will have the same effect on the cruisers as their cruising articles have on me by encouraging members to join in some of the racing events that they may not have otherwise considered.

I'll close with a big thank-you to George for his years of service to the *Knot News* and I look forward to a

great boating year in 2005. -- Dave Martin, *Knot News* Editor, 2005

AYC Officers for 2005



*Spencer
announces
election results*

The membership has elected the following officers for the coming year:

Commodore: Pat Barrett

Vice Commodore: Dave Malsed

Rear Commodore: Vic Childs

Secretary: Jerica Carsberg

Treasurer: Warren Walz

Directors at Large:

Position 1: (1 yr) Dick Smock

Position 2: (2 yr) Marvin Klinger

Therapy Dog

Fellow Yachties: I understand objections to dogs at the club at mealtimes, but I would like to address the issue of one dog in particular: Meridian, a mini Schnauzer some of you may have met. You see, I have a disability and she is my therapy/service dog. The American Disabilities Act states, "businesses and organizations that serve the public must allow people with disabilities to bring their service animals into all areas of the facility where customers are normally allowed to go. This federal law applies to all businesses open to the public, including restaurants..." and, "Businesses that sell or prepare food must allow service animals in public areas even if state or local health codes prohibit animals



Meridian

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on the premises.” Also, please note, ”Violators of the ADA can be required to pay money damages and penalties.” For further clarification I contacted the Justice Department regarding my specific situation and they assured me that I am not required to present any paperwork to justify her presence, nor am I forced to disclose my disability, nor prove my disability for this to be enforced.

I have no wish to upset anyone, however. Meridian does not shed. She is with me 24/7 so I cannot tie her up outside because if I am not accessible to her she thinks she’s being punished and will get extremely upset due to separation anxiety. If you are upset by her presence at the club during meals, please contact me at 293-8719 and tell me your concerns. If there is a preponderance of people who are upset by this, I will withdraw my membership. I will also be sure she stays away from your area. At meals I have always been seated next to the back door, and I have never taken her to the food service line. She has always been well behaved at such restaurants as Daniel’s Broiler, Outback, Applebee’s, Greek Islands, Murphy’s, The Pacific NW Ballet and McCaw Hall. She has been a guest at Best Western hotels, Marriott hotels in Washington, Oregon, California and even Canada. She also travels well on our boat, *Eclipse* and her dinghy *Partial Eclipse*. She is still a puppy, at 10 months, and as such has not completed her full training (must be at least one year old), so she may still make a mistake or two, but on the whole she has done extremely well for one so young. Thank you, I look forward to hearing from you as to your feelings about this situation. -- Jerica Carsberg

New Member

Wow - this year has flown by! As your Membership Chairperson, I have gotten to know many of you better and enjoyed that thoroughly. We have a great group. Our own cruising is very limited due to the amount of time Mike and I are out of town. Retirement must be fun.

Over the past year there have been several highlights. To date we have welcomed seven Preferred Memberships and one new Associate. We also welcomed back a Membership. As well as all the other club activities we enjoyed a membership barbeque organized by the

Thomsons in the early summer. We had a banner year in community recognition due to the boat rides club members offered during the Waterfront Festival. There has been a commitment given by the Board to do the same next year. The Chamber of Commerce is delighted and wants to do some publications on the history and activities of the club.



I will be staying on the Membership Committee and Bev Pasqual will assist. If anyone else is interested in serving on this, please be in touch; it is both interesting and fun. I do want to introduce our new Associate Member. Many of you may already know her as her field is Public Relations and she is involved in many known publications: Shelagh Considine, 719 Q Ave., Suite 304, Anacortes, WA., 98221, (360) 299-8762, shelagh46@copper.net. If you haven’t met Shelagh, please introduce yourself when you get the chance and welcome her to the club. --Barbara Ritts, Membership Chairperson

Bruce’s Bar Plaque Installed

At the General Meeting in November, the Bruce’s Bar Plaque was installed. Pictured below is Cynthia Backlund and Kit Marcinko. Kit is the artist that created the plaque to honor longtime AYC member Bruce Backlund who died in a boating accident in March of this year. Kit was also a friend of Bruce’s.



Cynthia Backlund and Kit Marcinko

Boat of the Year Results

For each of the boats listed below, the first number represents the number of races in which the boat took part. This is followed by the actual points earned and the percentage of possible points. Thanks to all that made this such a great year for AYC racing! --Walt Meagher, Race Chair

Class A

	Races	Points	Percent
<i>Rachel</i>	17	117	84.8
<i>Alakazam</i>	19	100	69.9
<i>Slingshot</i>	21	69	45.4
<i>KrystalKi</i>	17	31	24.0

Class B

<i>Handyman</i>	18	94	70.2
<i>Ceilidh</i>	16	86	64.7
<i>Julia</i>	15	73	57.0
<i>Syndicat</i>	19	60	41.7

Class C

<i>Nellie</i>	12	21	75.0
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Racers Meeting December 8

We would like to have a racers planning meeting for the 2005 season at 1830 on December 8, 2005, at the club. Here is the agenda as of December 2.

1. Chase boat
2. Scoring
3. Distance race cut off time extension
4. Should we try to organize a race that is coordinated with BYC so each fleet intentionally races through the other. Last year at Viti Rocks this happened by accident but it was kind of cool. Another possibility might for be AYC and BYC to race to a halfway point and meet to party then back!



Round the County Race

5. Volunteer help needed!
6. Trying harder to not schedule our races at the same times as other Puget Sound major regattas.
7. Putting the race results on the AYC web site after each race along with a brief description of the days action to include weather, wind, waves, any newsworthy incidents like collisions, groundings, whale sightings, etc. I propose that one boat have journalistic responsibility for each distance race or series; this could include photographs.

Also attached is a photo from the Round the County race. Although this photo indicates calm conditions, I have never seen so much carnage as on the run from Roche Harbor to Turn Point on Stuart. At any time you could see numerous boats on their sides and broaches all around you. Lots of fun! Also, I have been quite remiss regarding getting the race results out in a timely fashion and need to apologize! My work has taken a turn for the extremely intense and time-consuming since about September. I hope to be back in control soon.

Please send in your ideas! --Walt Meagher, Race Chair

Email and Other Changes

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

Knot News Contributions

The deadline for the January issue is Friday, December 31. Please send an article, photos and other items of interest to Dave Martin, Editor, at davem@manageinc.com.

Anacortes Yacht Club December Activities

AYC Bar opens Friday, December 10, 5:30pm

\$2 Night, Friday, December 10, 5:30-8:30pm

AYC Bar opens Friday, December 17, 5:30pm

Board Meeting, Tuesday, December 28, 7pm

No General Meeting this month

New Plaque on the AYC Bar Honoring Bruce Backlund

