



KNOT NEWS



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FROM THE COMMODORE

It's been a few months since we've seen the Knot News and our new co-editor, Spencer Swain asked if I had my "Swan Song"* ready, so I thought it best to look up the phrase. While this may be my final writing as Commodore it certainly won't be my last work before my death, even though when one accepts a leadership role eventually and inevitably, there are some who would love to see his decollation. Overall it seems to me that most have appreciated my energy, sense of humor and the vision I have for AYC. It is a vision of a group of people with a love for the water and enthusiasm for sharing that gift with others. Many times the subject of the grayness of our members comes up. At most social gatherings such as Friday \$3 Nights and General Meetings, the wisdom of the ages shows. It is also that same age group that is in there on a regular basis to provide the volunteer help needed to run this organization. Our challenge as a group is to make it a thriving and vibrant Club, meeting the needs of all and drawing on the energy created whether they are 10, 18, 40, 60 or 80.

Fortunately this past year, we have a cadre of new members... more than we have seen in many years. I don't know all the reasons for this growth. One is because Dave Thompson, our past Membership Chair and our current Chair, Barbara Ritts have done a great job of following up on interested potential members. Mostly though, I

think it is because we have extended our reach into the local community over the past few years. With the Anacortes Youth Sailing program and the work of many we have young sailors actively participating with the PHRF and Lido racing. The past couple of years we have participated in the Waterfront Festival, providing short yacht cruises free of charge to any who accept our offer.

For an organization or community to be healthy, I don't believe growth is necessary. However, members go away for many reasons... moving, health, death and a disconnect with the organization... i.e. "don't feel welcome". The first 3 reasons we have little control over. The last, we have substantial control. I am perfectly cognizant that you can't please everyone... oh do I know that! But we can lead. We can encourage positive participation and discourage complaints without ideas for solutions. Before I stepped into the officer mode, I only knew a few, most from the racing community. My participation as Rear, Vice and Commodore gave me the opportunity to get to know and work with all segments and interests in our Club. For that I am thankful. I have many new friends and acquaintances because I said yes when asked. I encourage anyone of you to step on deck and stretch your comfort level and skills by offering your services where you feel you can be of use and value. It will be a gift to yourself and AYC.

It seems that yachting becomes more expensive every year. Because of the cost, for us to bring in new younger members we must look to small boat sailing... racing dinghies for instance. Existing members must go beyond their families for yachting participants. Look around you. How many people do you know or meet each day that would give their eyeteeth for the opportunity to sail or just be on the water? Take them out to share the gift and blessing you've been given. When asked to help with the Waterfront Festival cruises say "yes I'll be there". As a race skipper, get the kids you know out there. This is Club racing... winning is not nearly as important as sharing the joys and challenges of racing.

Thank you all who have helped me over the past couple of years in particular. When Bill Booth came down ill and I was thrust into the Commodore job a year early, there were so many who provided work and advice.

Dave Malsed will be a fine Commodore in 2006. Vic Childs will bring his enthusiasm for sailing and the community to his role as he moves up the chairs to Commodore in 2007. Chuck Tidrington our new Rear Commodore will bring his great size of spirit to the role as an ambassador of sailing, head and shoulders above most. No one is left standing on the dock on race nights with Chuck at the helm. It is his kind of spirit I hope to see all of us grab on to and expand upon. I'm excited about our upcoming leadership and thankful they are there.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve. It's been a great gift.

Remember... Life is Short... Sail Fast... Stay Upright and Have Fun!

Pat Barrett
AYC Commodore

*Swan Song – From Webster's World English Dictionary – ... 2: "The last act, final creative work, etc. of a person, as

AYC BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2006



COMMODORE
Dave Malsed



VICE COMMODORE
Victor Childs



REAR COMMODORE
Chuck Tidrington



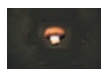
SECRETARY
Chuck Lang



TREASURER
Warren Walz



PAST COMMODORE
Pat Barrett



1 YEAR DIRECTOR
Brian Hennessy



2 YEAR DIRECTOR
Lin Folsom



2 YEAR DIRECTOR
Marvin Klinger



RACE COMMITTEE
Scott Soes



CRUISE COMMITTEE
to be filled

From the Commodore Elect

Well the year is almost over and we are getting ready to move on to 2006. First I want to thank Dave Martin for getting the Knot News out this past year. Next I need to thank Charles Webb for coming forward to be our editor for 2006. This is a thankless job that all the members look forward to getting every month. It will take a lot of work by Charles and he really needs our support and most importantly news articles for the Knot News.

I personally have been out of town for most of November so I am now trying to get back into the swing of things. Seems that I had to chase the elk around for a while and then it was off to San Francisco to visit Pat's brothers for Thanksgiving and short vacation for the two of us.

What is happening at the club? Well it is busy as usual with lots of activities going on. Starting with Friday the 9th it will be our Holiday Social at the club. This is a regular general meeting day but rather than have a meeting we will have a social. Bring some snacks, finger foods and come down to the club for a lot of social interaction with other members of the club. Forget about all of the other hustle

and bustle of the season and just relax for an evening with the other members of the club. Sandy Lewis is putting together a few activities to keep the evening light and entertaining. It should (WILL) be a lot of fun for all of us.

That's it for formal activities in 2006. But don't worry we will pick it up again on the 14th of January with the Commodore's Ball at the Depot. Look for your invitation in the mail.

With the Commodore's Ball I am looking

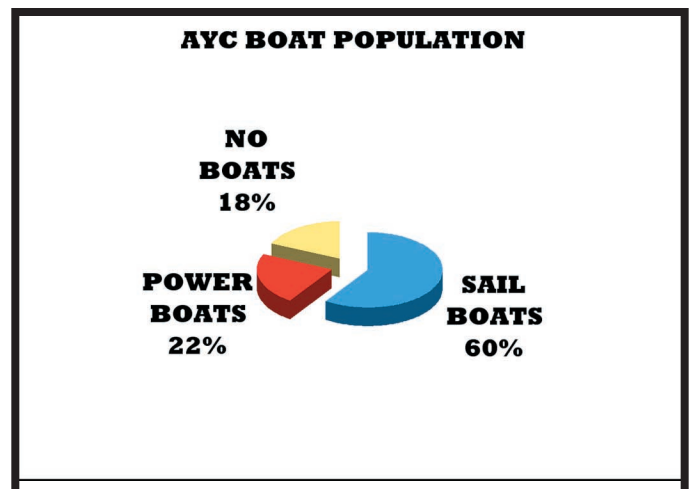
for a few good members to help out. We have to set up and decorate the Depot. I am not very good at ideas for this so I am really looking for some help, hence my need for a few good members. If you can and want to help please get a hold of me ASAP as I really am challenged in this area.

After that it is on to being Commodore for a year and whole new set of challenges for me. I am going to be very fortunate to have a great set of directors, committee chairs and officers. This is a group that I am looking forward to working with and I think you will find them very capable in the execution of their duties in the management of the club. As always we are looking for your input and please contact any of us. 2006 is going to be another good year at AYC.

See you on January 14th at the Depot. In the meantime enjoy the holidays and all that goes with it.

Dave Malsed, Vice Commodore

P.S. Just as a note we raised 280 dollars and a lot of donated food last Friday nite for the food bank.



NEW RESERVATION POLICY AT THE PORT OF KINGSTON

The Port of Kingston has initiated a reservation policy as of July 1, 2005. 50% of the Guest Dock slips are now reservable. Reserved slips will be marked with either a green or blue reservation flag at the end of the finger pier. These flags are numbered to correspond with the slip numbers. Flagged slips are not available even for temporary use. Vessels choosing to ignore this policy will be removed at owners risk and expense. As before, any unflagged slip is still available on a first-come-first-serve basis.

All reservations must be made at least 3 days in advance and confirmed with payment of the first day's moorage. Reservations may be made at the beginning of the calendar (year?) for anytime including holidays. Cancellations must be made at least 3 days prior to the reservation date and payment will apply to moorage at the Port of Kingston within the following 6 months. A voucher good for one night's moorage will be sent by mail. Vouchers are non-transferable and cannot be used to make another reservation. Failure to cancel a reservation without sufficient time will not receive credit towards future moorage. If you are interested in making a reservation please contact the Port of Kingston at 360, 297-3545."

DIESEL FUEL

The membership of the club listened to Jason Graham present information on the winterizing and maintenance of Diesel engines on Saturday, Nov. 12th. He stated that he understood that the Port of Anacortes was supplying Diesel fuel at their fuel dock which included an additive to increase the lubricity of the Diesel fuel,

given that the removal of sulfur from such fuels was a mandate from the State of Wa., but which in turn reduced the lubricity of the fuel. However, when I called the Cap Sante Marine, I was advised that Cap Sante has selected and now uses a new fuel supplier, and that this "new" fuel does not contain an additive to increase lubricity. This being the case, I suppose that those who wish can add whatever additive they fancy. The previous fuel sold by Cap Sante used a "valve Tech" additive, which may be familiar to some of the Diesel Heads in our club. Chuck Lang



Come and See AYC's Tree

We are sorry this issue is going out so late. The editors are are trying to climb a very steep learning curve on some new software. So, please forgive us if things look a little cattywampus. Things can only get better in the new year, we hope. Eds

AYC Activities Schedule

December 2005

Friday, December 16 - Bar Open at 1730

Friday, December 23 - Bar Open at 1730

Tuesday, December 27 - Board Meeting at 1900

January 2006

Friday, January 6 - Bar Open at 1730

Friday, January 13 - Bar Open at 1730 no meeting

Saturday, January 14 - Commodore's Ball, 1800

Friday, January 20 - Bar Open at 1730

Tuesday, January 24 - Board Meeting at 1900

Friday, January 27 - Bar Open at 1730