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Come to the Depot! Be There!



The Anacortes Yacht Club cordially invites you to attend the
Annual Commodore's Dinner and Dance.

The Depot
Saturday, January 14, 2006

No Host Bar 1800 Hours - Dinner Buffet 1900 Hours - \$25.00 per person

Join us as we honor and acknowledge

2005 Commodore Pat Barrett

and so many who have helped in their own way with our organization this past year.

We will welcome to the helm 2006 Commodore, Dave Malsed,

Officers and Board of Directors

Please RSVP email: David.Malsed@verizon.net
or call 360-299-2761 for your reservations by January 6, 2006



RSVP (360) 299-2761 or [David Malsed@verizon.net](mailto:David.Malsed@verizon.net)

The Depot

Corner of Seventh St
and R Avenue



Anacortes Yacht Club

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From The Helm

Now that 2005 is passing into 2006 I thought I should reflect on what happened this pass year. But in my feeble mind it is such a blur that I not sure what was in 2005 and 2004. I do know that it was a great year as Vice Commodore for me. I really had a lot of fun and good times doing all of the various club functions.

With 16 new members this year we have grown and are getting new faces and ideas to the club. As I have gotten to meet and know them you really get an appreciation of the folks who make up the yacht club. What a wide variety of interests and backgrounds we have out there. For the older members (over a year) get out there and meet these new folks. For the new members I encourage you to get active in the club's many different activities. Doing this has really enriched my life and enjoyment of being a part of the Anacortes community.

As for the month of December we had what I felt was an enjoyable and relaxed month of activities. Starting with the tree decorating and racers awards we had a festive evening on the first Friday. We followed that up with a Holiday/Christmas Social. As a part of the evening we asked that everyone make a donation to the food bank. We raised \$280.00 and lot of donated food. I thank you for being so generous. Bill and Marcia Short ended the month's activities with another good \$3.00 night.

Attendance at the general meetings and \$2/3.00 nights has been up this year. In June we had over a hundred of us at the general meeting and I think close to 60 was the average for the year. Vic and Chuck have their challenges ahead this next year. If there are two people that can keep the Bar, \$3.00 nights and general meetings going and interesting these are the two. They can not do it alone so please give them a hand when you can, besides it is a lot of fun.

We have a new group of officers and board members taking over on the 14th of January. This is very capable group of members and I feel that the club is going to be in good hands and they will be able to keep me going in the right direction. I feel confident that they and the members will let us know if we are not. I am looking forward to being the Commodore this next year. I do this with the knowledge that there is a great team to work with and most importantly a membership that is willing to help and be supportive of the club and its activities.

Happy New Year and may 2006 be a good one.

Dave Malsed



HAPPY NEW YEAR!! It is great that we have Knot News editors once again and it is always fun to introduce new members to the Club in the newsletter. In December we welcomed three new memberships:

Jack & Pauline Lindbergh, Preferred
1325 Quentin Ave. Mount Vernon, WA. 98247
360 424-5235, JLINDBE@PEOPLEPC.COM
Jack and Pauline moved to Mount Vernon eighteen months ago. They own a 24' C&C sailboat called **CUTAWAY**. They have been members of the Walla Walla Yacht club and are interested in both racing and overnight cruising.

Steve & Cheryl Kleinbart, Preferred
PO Box 1031, La Conner, WA. 98257
360 466-3974, stevek@balancedaction.com
Steve and Cheryl are well known to AYC. They own a hotfoot 27' called **FLASHPOINT**. They are interested in the racing program both day and overnight. They also volunteered to help with galley operations and the Newsletter.

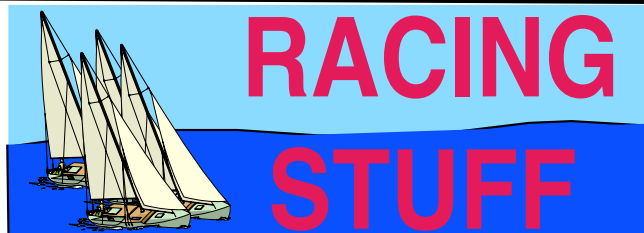
Dwight & Diane Groves, Associate
506 38th St. Anacortes, WA. 98221
360 333-1028, DGROVES@FIDALGO.NET
Dave and Diane have lived in the area since 1968 and have been boating for the past 25 years. They are volunteering for bar operations during club activities.

This past year has been great --- AYC has welcomed more new members than the previous few years. There has been seventeen preferred memberships, two associate memberships and one honorary membership; which introduces 38 new folks to AYC. I have had the pleasure of talking to these folks and we do have an enthusiastic group. Look for the **RED NAME TAGS** and say AHOY. Many of the new members are anxious to get on the water or assist in the clubhouse.

One of my pet projects over the past two years is introducing AYC at the Waterfront Festival. This is a great place to showcase the club and our members have been terrific about giving rides to the visitors. The visitors have loved it and the Chamber of Commerce has given AYC many KUDOS for our contribution. Thank you to all that have been part of this project.

Have a healthy, happy boating year.

Barbara Ritts, Membership



Thursday, January 5th, sailors interested in racing met at the clubhouse and proposed some improvements to the race program. Suggestions proposed are:

1. Once around race for Wednesday Nights.
2. C fleet sailing a shortened course.
3. Second race on Wednesday night not to be scored for the series.
4. Each boat to be responsible for being committee boat for at least one race during year.
5. Extend hours of races like Hein Bank so more finishers are possible.
6. A night race starting on Friday or Saturday at 19:00, around Guemes Island either way.
7. No race week before Swiftsure but a regatta the following week to attract Swiftsure boats.
8. Participation with other clubs in joint events.

So there is our list so far, if you have any ideas or comments please forward them to me at anderssigns@verizon.net or 770-6180. The preliminary Race Schedule for 2006 is on the following page.

Scott Soes Race Chairman



In case you didn't know. Flotsam is the stuff you throw overboard that FLOATS. Jetsam is the stuff you throw overboard that SINKS. These are abbreviated definitions from the International Maritime Dictionary, 1961. So, the things you find under this heading are things in that category that have been found floating or have dredged up. Opinions, For Sale stuff, comments, jokes, cartoons, etc.

Just send to Charles Webb at cawebb@gte.net or Spencer Swain at sfswain@comcast.net. As your trusty editors we will mangle it and squeeze it in the next issue. Here is #1.

For Sale

One AYC Burgee, never flown, one fold, kept in bottom drawer for a decade at least. No reasonable offer refused. Contact Bill Larson at (360) 293-0371.

(TK take note!)

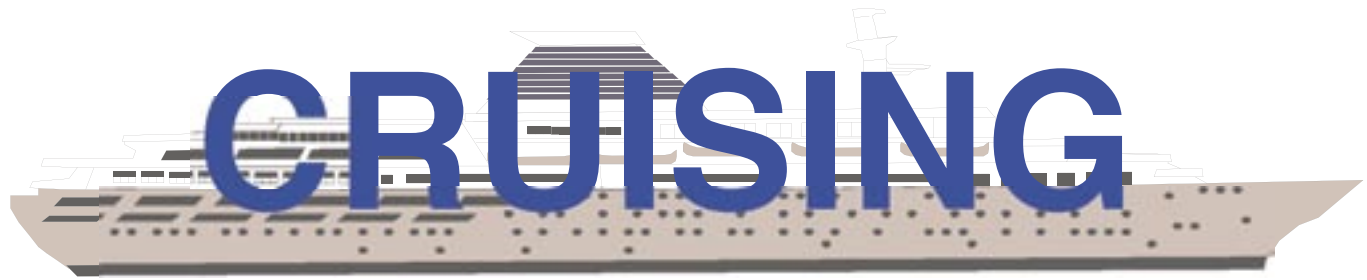
2006 AYC Race Schedule (Preliminary)

Race Date	Time	Destination	Points?	Trophy
February 18		Shaw Island Winter Classic OYC (Tri-Island series)	N	Series
February 25	10:00	Foul Weather – Fisherman's Bay	N	N
March 11	10:00	Tri-Straits II – Lawson Reef	Y	Series
March 18	12:30	Champagne I – Guemes Island (Tri-Island series)	Y	Series
March 25	10:00	Champagne II – Jack Island Race	Y	Series
April 1	10:00	Hein Bank (1900 cutoff)	Y	Y
April 8-9		Tulip Regatta	N	Series
April 22	9:00	Champagne III – Black Rock	Y	Series
April 29		White Rock Regatta	N	
May 3	6:30	Corinthian I	Y	Series
May 6		Round Lummi – BYC (Tri-Island series)	N	Series
May 10	6:30	Corinthian II	Y	Series
May 13				
May 17	6:30	Corinthian III	Y	Series
May 27-29		Swifrsure International	N	Y
May 31	6:30	Otterstadt I	Y	Series
June 3		Leukemia Cup Shilshole Bay-Elliott Bay	N	Y
June 7	6:30	Otterstadt II	Y	Series
June 10	9:00	Tri-Straits I - Smith Island	Y	Y
June 17-18		Windermere Regatta	Y	Y
June 21	6:30	Otterstadt III	Y	Series
July 5	6:30	Wally's Tours I	Y	Series
July 12	6:30	Wally's Tours II	Y	Series
July 16-22		Whidbey Island Race Week	N	Y
July 26	6:30	Wally's Tours III	Y	Series
August 2	6:30	Summer Fun I	Y	Series
August 9	6:30	Summer Fun II	Y	Series
August 16	6:30	Summer Fun III	Y	Series
August 23	6:30	Summer Fun IV	Y	Series
September 2-3		PITCH – BYC	N	Y
September 17	12:30	Dbl Handed, Jack-Jill, 3 score 10 (Spaghetti Feed)	N	Y
September 30	9:00	Cheney Cup (Chili feed after race)	Y	Y
October 7	6:30	Make up date		
October 14	9:30	Sinclair Island – Race for the Rum!	Y	Y
October 21	9:00	Octoberfest (Brat feed after the races)	N	Y
October 28	9:00	Tri-Straits III – Viti Rocks	Y	Series
November 3,4,5		Grand Prix	N	Y
November 11-12		Round the County	N	Y

Buoy races are all series races and end at the last race of each series end date.

Tri-Straits Series races have a trophy for each race as well as the series.

For more information consult the AYC web site at www.anacortesyachtclub.org



2006 AYC Cruise Schedule

Questions? Contact Cruise Chair Dave Thomson, 360-293-7900

Foul Weather Race/Cruise - Feb 25-26, Lopez Island. Run by the Racers, but all can go and join in the post race fun. Scott Soes, 360-293-2452

Shake-down Cruise - April 7, 8 & 9, Bellingham, Squilicum Harbor (reservations confirmed) Cruise Captains Maury Fink, 360-293-3814 & Marv Klinger, 360-293-5435

Sucia Cruise - April 29-30, Fossil Bay (reservations confirmed with Ranger Dave) Cruise Captain Bill Short, 360-293-8844

Annual Saddlebag Island Clean-up - May 13, Saturday. AYC's good deed for the year! Cruise Captains Bill & Jennifer Bowman, 360-299-3766

Garrison Bay Cruise - May 27-29 (Memorial Day Weekend) Cruise Captains Mike & Barbara Ritts, 360-293-3369

Gulf Islands (Pub?) Cruise - approximately June 24 - July 7, with a new imaginative itinerary. Need Cruise Captain(s)

South Sound Cruise - approximately August 10 - 25, with a new concept: "Anthony's to Anthony's" - Cruise Captain Dave Thomson, 360-293-7900

Victoria Wood Boat Show - Sep 1 - 4, Labor Day Weekend (tentative) Need Cruise Captain

Wine/Cheese Cruise, Reid Harbor - Sep 16 - 17 (very popular the past two years - dates can be flexible) Final 2006 cruise. Cruise Captains Steve Dubnoff & Marion Lowe, 206-329-7964

Victoria Land Cruise (tentative), Cruise Captain Bill & Marcia Short, 360-293-8844