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Anacortes Yacht Club's 117th Year

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Board Notes

Treasurer's Report: The Clubhouse is assessed at \$370,000. Net revenues have increased to \$12,000 over last year. Net bar revenues continue to be good in spite of increased beer costs.

Clubhouse expansion: comments from the Membership seem to indicate a favorable view of expansion, but opposition to debt, thus the NO vote. The facilities committee will prioritize deferred maintenance items, including the roof, railing and bbq shed.

Commodore's Ball: set for January 19th, Flounder Bay Restaurant.

Rear Commodore: classes for Health cards and Liquor servers will be held at the Club, December 1, with AYC paying associated costs.

Membership: Corrine Snow approved as new preferred member.

Race Committee: Race packets will be ready in January. The Club is seeking approval for permanent race markers in Fidalgo Bay.

Cruise Chair: Phil Case will be the 2008 Chair.

New Business: the Board approved a proposal to purchase a Foos Ball table for downstairs use by youngsters.

From the Commodore

I received the following letter and thought it may be of interest to you.

Commodore and Commodore Elect,

The Port of Anacortes had a booth at last year's Seattle Boat Show and has plans to do this year's show too.

Last year, the Port of Anacortes booth was near Port of Everett booth. Port of Everett had an arrangement to promote both the Port and the Everett Yacht Club. The booth was manned mainly by yacht club volunteers. It seemed a good match for them and made for a more active booth. Yacht club members had their passes paid by the Port in exchange for volunteer time working the booth.

We have the same natural symbiosis in Anacortes as they have in Everett. We have similar interests. We both want boaters to check us out. A boater that visits our marina could be interested in yacht club membership.

I am asking the members if anyone would be interested in working together with the Port of Anacortes on an idea like this.

Keith

Any member that may be interested in assisting the Port of Anacortes and promoting the Anacortes Yacht Club by attending the boat show and manning the booth for a few hours is encouraged to contact me by email or phone. I will contact John Hachey at the port of Anacortes with a list of volunteers.

The Dates for the 2008 Seattle Boat Show are: January 24th thru February 2nd

Thank you

Vic Childs

Commodore AYC

Ramblings from the Rear Commodore

hope that your Christmas season was as merry as mine and that you also have a good start on a happy New Year. As your new RC I'm looking for ways to help make this another great year for the Club. Suggestions are welcome.

The Ships Store will continue to be run by Leslie Dorn and her able assistant Terry. They deserve big thanks from all members because they have been in charge of the SS for quite a few years and have it well under control. They recently found that they need a new supplier for clothing items carried in the SS. If you have any recommendations let them know.

This year the Facilities Committee, which is responsible for the cleaning, maintenance and repair of the clubhouse and grounds, will have a new chairman, Joe Gleason. Maury Fink has handled this job quietly and efficiently for several years and has agreed to continue by



helping on Joe's committee. Others on the committee are Bill Bowman, Jerry Hemme and Fred Abelman. If you see something around the Club that needs fixing tell Joe about it. Late last year the committee solicited bids for roof repairs which should be presented with a recommendation for consideration at the January Board meeting. This is not the same committee as the Capital Assets Committee that proposed the recently defeated clubhouse expansion plan, also lovingly known as the "Tortoise Project".

The Rear Commodore is chairman of the Bar Committee so the committee is annually changed, at least a little bit, as the RC changes. Volunteers for bartending are key to successful AYC bar operation. To be qualified you must have a current Food Handlers permit and a current "Mixologists" license. Carol Minor graciously agreed to be an immense help again this year by scheduling bartender volunteers as she did last year. How about helping Carol with the schedule by selecting dates you would like to tend bar. This past December 1st, 14 members passed the permit & license requirements to qualify. Some were renewals and some were new. Thank you all! Another key to successful bartending is to know your way around behind the bar so you know "Where things are". To help with this we have a thorough "Bartenders Guide" prepared and updated by Spencer Swain. Spencer has agreed to be on the Bar committee. He will show the ropes to any new or rusty bartender. He will also be looking for ways to improve the bar facility. Another full committee member is Pam Edwards. She is presently making sure that our lists of qualified bartenders is up to date, and will also help set-up training classes as needed. Jan Hemme and Linda Walz have offered to provide input regarding the selection of wines so if you have ideas concerning wine selection they are the contacts.

This year we want to open the clubhouse for a while after the Saturday races. Dates are March 8, 15, 29,

April 5, 19, 26, May 10, September 6, 13, October 4 & 11. The bar will be open and there might be food of some kind depending on plans yet to be made. Determining the time to open is a challenge that is now under consideration. Any suggestions?

The annual Bartenders Party is scheduled for Saturday afternoon, February 16. It is intended to be a way for the Club to thank all the volunteer bartenders for their service to the Club. Details for the party are still in the formative stage, but all bartenders should plan on attending.



Have Fun,
Ed Kennedy, RC

January 2008 Events

Friday, January 4 - Bar Open, 1730h.

Friday, January 11 - Bar Open, 1730h.

Friday, January 18 - Bar Open, 1730h.

Saturday ay, January 19 - COMMODORE'S BALL, Honor 2007 Commodore Vic Childs

Tuesday, January 22 - Board Meeting, Clubhouse, 1900 - Agenda: Commodore Chuck Tidrington

Friday, January 29 - Bar Open, 1730h. Three Buck Night!

BRINGING A SMALL BOAT CENTER TO ANACORTES

Yes, I know this just might be a pipe dream. It's been tried before. In fact, several OAR members have been involved in this effort since early 1990, especially plans for a maritime park and facility at Sea Farer Memorial Park. But, please, don't give up!

On Monday, December 12th, more than 50 people met at the Anacortes Yacht Club to talk about how we can bring a SMALL BOAT CENTER to Anacortes.

It was a public discussion – everyone was welcomed! The reason to meet was the endorsement of a small boat center by the Port Commissioners in the 10-Year Comprehensive Plan for the Port of Anacortes.

The discussion was both serious and fun. Pat Barrett (AYC) talked about the need to focus on the upland parts of the plan. His advice was to let the up-land activities drive the process. Other speakers included Port Commissioners Keith Rubin and Bill Short. Also, the Executive Director of the Port, Bob Hyde, and the Harbor Master, Dale Fowler, attended the gathering. Gary Robinson and Sue Adhmann attended from the Parks Department.

Three committees were started – Steering, Feasibility, and Fund Raising committees. A big “thank you” to T.K. Wegg, Beth Bell, Michele and John Pope, and Bill Testerman for volunteering to be on these committees.

If you would like to be on one of these three committees, or have questions, please contact Lyndon at 299-9075 or anacomaritimectr@msn.com.

The next public meeting is planned for Monday, February 4th from 6:30 – 8:30 pm at the Anacortes Yacht Club.

Notice of Serious Importance

Greetings-

If you looked at your Invitation for the Commodores Ball you may have looked closely enough to realize, that unless you are H.G. Wells, you can't get there from here.

The correct date is Saturday, January 19th, 2008

Thank you to the kind emails pointing out this fact. My apologies for not catching this. I should have proofed it a little better when I picked them up.

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and enjoyed your time with friends and family. Have a Happy New Year.

Chuck

Captains and Navigation Course

Capt Richard Rodriguez will again be conducting the USMA Captains / Navigation course at the Anacortes yacht club. This class has been well attended and is considered one of the best classes in the area. If you have ever thought about getting your Captains licence or improving your Navigation skills I would encourage you to sign up ASAP the classes do fill up. You can contact him by following the links below.

Thanks

Vic Childs

The United States Maritime Academy announces it's 2008 course for Anacortes.

Anacortes

March 4 - April 24, 2008

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday Evenings

1730-2130

Anacortes Yacht Club

If you're interested in Maritime Matters you may want to check out my Bitter-End Blog: <http://captrichardrodriguez.blogspot.com/> <<http://captrichardrodriguez.blogspot.com/>>

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