

Commodore's Column

October 2009

The AYC board meeting was held Oct 27. A wonderful report was that our webpage is garnering an average of 70 visitors per day, on busy days registering 150-200 visitors per day. Obviously, our home page and race results have been frequented, however the fact is that the MEMBER VESSELS page is visited quite enthusiastically! We will be working to keep that page more current. Kevin Welch, our web master, is soliciting more blog entries to keep our web page more interesting. By clicking on the 'about' button on our web page members can send updated information about their boats to Kevin.

Our weekly Friday nights and our \$3 nights have been very well attended, as have been our general meetings. Those attending have noticed the clubhouse remodel project of the bathrooms which should be completed before our next general meeting, November 13, which is also listed as AYC's annual meeting. Elections of officers will be held, please remember to send in your ballots or bring them to the clubhouse that evening. Del Fox will be serving some delicious smoked beef for our dinner.

The evening of November 6 will find AYC to be inundated by a number of out-of-town racers. Each year Orcas Island Yacht Club holds the annual *Round The County* race, circumnavigating San Juan County's islands over two days. We have noted that a number of regional racers have found Anacortes to be a very desirable stopover prior to the next morning's race, which starts only a few NM from us. We have scheduled a band (Gertrude's Hearse), and will be serving some food for everyone. Come on down and enjoy the party!

It hardly seems right but the holiday season is nearly here. December 19 has been appointed the date of the Christmas parade. Contact Greg at Nordic Northwest for details.

Ed Kennedy is working on the Commodore's ball, scheduled for January 16, more details will follow. We are already working on the 2010 club roster. Pam Edwards has chaired the roster committee for many years and we want to thank her for her work. She is passing the job to Linda Walz for the next year, who will be assisted by Catherine Bearce (publishing), Jan Hemme (photos), and Bill Bowman (advertising). Our race and cruise chairs are working on next year's schedules. Please contact Linda if you wish to assist and with additions/corrections to the roster.

Your dues notice for 2010 will be mailed shortly; please send them in when received. It makes it very difficult for our roster chair to know whether to include names or not, if dues are not received. We will not be raising the dues for 2010; your board has decided to maintain the low level of dues for yet another year. We will however be raising drink prices at the bar shortly. The bar brings in a significant amount to our club's treasury, but that has been decreasing constantly as liquor prices escalate. We will still be one of the least expensive clubs at which to visit the bar, and certainly one of the least expensive to join.

Jerry Van der Veen, Commodore 2009