

Commodore's Column, January 2010

January held no races or cruises, so it was a good month to plan events, organize our facility, and establish committees for the upcoming year.

Cruise destinations and dates were set and Cruise Captains for most were determined. The race schedule and race packet was completed for the year and posted on the web site. Arrangements were made to reposition two of our fixed race marks and applications were made for Coast Guard Permits for races. Committee chairs for regattas were established. Plans are developing for a Tuesday evening "New to Racing" program with a BBQ to follow.

Social activities at the clubhouse included, New Years Day Rose Bowl Football game on the big screen, followed by the regular Friday evening camaraderie, the Bartender's Soiree and several Friday evenings including one Three Buck Night. The Commodore's Ball was held at Flounder Bay Café in Skyline and was enjoyed by about 80 attendees.

In a spring-cleaning effort two truckloads of excess items were removed from the clubhouse and the refrigerators and freezer were brought up to code. The lower coat closet was restored to "coat closet" status by removing all the code flags and life jackets and relocating them to beneath the shelf – couch in the lower level. Work started on repairs for the chase boat. Also, repairs were planned for the dinghy dock. All of this was accomplished by volunteer efforts of generous AYC members.

Committee assignments for 2010 were approved as follows: (Note that there are some new committees)

Committee

Chair

Bar Operations	Mac Madenwald	
Budget	Charles Webb	
By-Laws	Pat Barrett	
Chase Boat	Chuck Rust	
Cruise	Warren Walz	
Dinghy Dock	Spencer Swain	
Facilities	Co-Chairs: Phil Case & T.K. Wegg	
Galley Operations	Jeanie Browne	
Government Affairs	Vince Sellen	
Membership	Chuck Rust	
Moorage / Reciprocal	Dick Carney	
Model / R-C Boats	Chuck Mallary	
PHRF Measurer	Paul Bergman	
Program	Phil Case	
Publicist	David Thomson	
Race	Andy Schwenk	
Roster	Linda Walz	
Small Boats	Stephanie Schwenk	
Ship Stores	Leslie & Terry Dorn	
Technology	Co-Chairs: Kevin Welch & David Thomson	

Six new preferred memberships and one associate membership were approved:
Michael & Carol Herbert, live in Anacortes and have a Fairweather – 45' Monk Sedan and an Erickson 23.

Semmes & Pamela Mickelwait, live in Bow and have a Freedom 36.5'.

John & Michele Pope, live in Anacortes and have a Ranger 22 and a Lido 14.

Matthew & Charissa Weaver, live in Anacortes and have an Oregon Dory 18'.

Walt & Christine Schad are returning members, live in Lake Forrest Park and have a Rafiki 35, (power).

Vincent & Linda Henley, live in Anacortes and have a West Wight Potter 19.

Joyce Kennedy, (my daughter) lives in Anacortes and has no boat, but has joined as an associate member.

Please make it a point to meet and greet these new members and encourage them to participate in racing, cruising and to volunteer to help in their areas of interest.

It was decided to change the system for identifying new members from issuing red nametags for their first year, to issuing "permanent" white nametags with a removable red star for the first year. At the end of their first year they may remove the red star and continue to use the remaining white nametag. So, when you see someone at the clubhouse with a red star on the nametag (or a red nametag), introduce yourself and make them welcome.

A statement of purpose and policy for the AYC website was adopted. It is now shown on the website.

An organizational change is being considered. The establishment of "Fleet Captain" position is under review. Reading material for study was distributed to Board members. The Fleet Captain position is used at many Yacht Clubs to help coordinate fleet activities and to interface with the Board.

Plans for February include the start of the racing season and the start of the cruising season. The Shaw Island Winter Classic (by OIYC, Feb. 13), is usually well attended by AYC racers and the Girts Rekevics Memorial Foul Weather Race, (& cruise), Feb. 27, is the first AYC sponsored race & cruise of the year. Clubhouse activities for February include parties for Superbowl, AC Races, Friday socials, Meetings, (with Birthday Party), and three buck night. Meetings include AYC membership, AYC board, Ham Radio class, Small Boat Center Committee, Sea Scouts, and a wedding.

If you have ideas that will make your club better be sure to pass them on to another Board member or me. If you haven't yet become an active volunteer at the club, contact the chair of the committee appropriate for your interests. If you want to discuss something appropriate on the forum, help yourself.

Have Fun,

Ed Kennedy
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