



# KNOT NEWS



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Anacortes Yacht Club's 110th Year

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## From The Helm

Your board met on Tuesday, September 23th and approved the election committee of Girts Rekevics, Dave Thomson, and John Moody. For the yacht club to continue prospering we need individuals to step forward for the open positions Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, 1 year director (2) and 2 year director. It takes everyone's involvement in volunteering to make the Anacortes Yacht Club a focus of racing and cruising. Please let one of the committee know if you are interested and if asked please say yes.

September has come and gone and we have survived what none of us would ever think possible in our life time. It's been a month of laughter and a month of tears for everyone. We are a strong nation of people and we will overcome this national disaster and be a better people for it.

To quote John F. Kennedy, from a television address of June 1963, "This nation was founded by men of many nations and backgrounds. It was founded on the principle that all men are created equal, and the rights of every man are diminished when the rights of one man are threatened."

Remember Columbus Day, October 8th, Daylight Savings Time Ends October 28th and the wonderful day of Halloween is the 31st. Enjoy the colors of Fall.

Commodore Liz O'Neill

## ByLaws Change Notice

Check the ByLaws change notice on page 3 of this issue. The votes for the ByLaws change and for Club Officers will be counted at the **Annual Meeting on Saturday, November 17th, 2001**. So, plan to be there and cast your vote or send your absentee ballots in before that date. A BBQ Rib dinner is being planned for that night.

## Wine and Cheese Cruise

It was an absolutely gorgeous fall weekend. What a fun cruise for 12 boats and 27 people! It started Thursday when the Thomsons and Klingers went over early to get dock space. They arrived Thursday afternoon to find Reid Harbor packed with boats and all dock space taken. On Friday morning boats started moving out so the Thomsons and Klingers were able to get a floating dock. Soon after the Caves, Teachouts, and Halligans arrived to help save dock space. The Halls also arrived Friday as they were returning from a trip up north. And finally Harber Lights arrived, a trip that was somewhat delayed because of Pete's rescheduled flight out of Dallas. It was now time for cocktails and munchies!

On Saturday as the rest of the boats were coming in, Karen, Betsy, Jane, Pete and Dave hiked to the light house. This was the second day in a row that Karen and Dave set a grueling pace to the light house. Linda and Barb hiked to the school house to do a little shopping and then joined up with the rest of the hikers on the way back to the boats.

Saturday afternoon we got out the tablecloths and flowers which set the stage for the evening festivities. There were an abundance of palate enticing imported wines and finely aged cheese all complimented by large fruit plates, succulent stuffed mushrooms, a mouth-watering hot crab dish, and much more!

Thank you Thomsons and Klingers for nabbing the perfect dock for AYC. C/C Linda Harbers

## Nominations and Crab Feed

**Friday, October 26** is the official meeting for the nomination of Club Officers for the year 2002. Your Master of Ceremonies for this event will be Girts Rekevics who you can count on to liven things up. This is also the Annual Crab Feed (yum) so bring your bibs, pliers and hammers. Frosty libations will be available for the thirsty, for sure.

## Tri-straits II Race Around Guemes

From the clockwise and counter-clockwise points of view!

Clockwise: Syndicat, Wired, Flying Cloud and Hoerndag attempted the clockwise circumnavigation of Guemes. It was a drag race from the start line to the channel where the wind went light and flukey until about 2/3 of the way to the west end where the wind picked up and got us around the corner. The lead changed about every 1/4 mile during this time - upon entering Bellingham channel some of went up the channel, some tacked up the Guemes shore and some went across to Cypress. Everybody but Flying Cloud pretty much ended up stuck in an adverse current and wind hole just under the Clark Point - Flying Cloud stayed on the Cypress side long enough to miss the worst part of this hole and got around the point and into the new wind and positive current. The rest of us eventually battled our way around the point. (*What about the buoy, Boys? ed*)

Once around the point there was a flukey - light breeze but good current pretty much all the way back to Padilla Bay and once we rounded the corner and saw the Counter - clockwise boats battling the current to get to the finish line it became clear that we should approach from the east and be flushed across the line by current. This was a beautiful day on the water.

Counter clockwise: As told by Maury Fink: Factotum, Glissade, Steamer, Handyman and several others went counter clockwise around Guemes. Handyman got stuck in the current and no wind on the SE side of Guemes, which told the rest to stay out and go East. That gave Factotum the lead all the way around to the SW side of Guemes. At the SW side of Guemes Handyman, Steamer, Glissade and Factotum changed position several times. Handyman got caught up against the pilings at the Guemes Ferry Dock, Steamer got stuck on shore before reaching the dock. The Ferry makes a U-turn to avoid Handyman which allowed Factotum to pass the dock in front of the Ferry. Handyman catches a puff and takes off. Factotum didn't get the puff and gets washed on the beach.

Eventually all three boats were chasing each other for home. Handyman stays out in the middle of the channel. Factotum and Steamer saw wind to the finish line and headed for the finish when the wind up and left

them. Handyman catches a breeze and finishes way ahead. In the meantime Wired and Flying Cloud coming around Guemes clockwise appeared from the SE side of Guemes heading for the finish line with a 10 knot wind as the Counter Clockwise boats watched disappointedly!!

Flying Cloud, skippered by Bill Booth was first followed by Girts Rekevics in Handyman. Syndicat, with author Walt Meagher driving,, was third.

(*Moral: It doesn't matter which way you go so long as you win. ed*)

## BOAT PARTNER WANTED

Cross 33' Trimaran with an 8 foot dagger board. Krystal Ki has a fully battened main, an asymmetrical spinnaker, 10 HP diesel, propane stove, new 10-year copper epoxy bottom paint, 6 ft head room and two double bunks. Interested parties contact Bill Bowman at 299-3766 or e-mail at krystalb@fidalgo.net

## FOR SALE LIDO 14

Hull # around 3500. In good condition with a new mast. Only \$1500 Call John Moody @ 360 299 830 or e mail <moody@home .com>

## AYC Lore of Years Gone Bye

....more excerpts...(January 1973 newsletter etc.) Commodores Ball...85 dinners served...attending as guests, the Commodore of the Swinomish Yacht Club and the Commodore of the Stanwood Yacht Club, and Andy Anderson, the Skipper of USCG cutter RICHMOND. The Skipper presented the yacht club with a beautiful oil painting of the cutter RICHMOND done by a member of his crew. Also attending as guests were Del Reisner and Bob Keller of the Port of Anacortes. And all their wives.....A few of the members missed the chance to pay for the dinner at the door. We would appreciate them remitting the \$7.50/ person to the Yacht Club at PO Box 513... by Dick Werner (*Dick, How many wives did Del and Bob have? ed*)

## Nomination Committee Appointed

At the September 25th Board Meeting Girts Rekevics, Dave Thomson and John Moody were appointed the nominating committee for the upcoming 2001 election of club officers. Please contact them if you wish to run for any of the positions.

**ANACORTES YACHT CLUB**

**Notice of Proposed By Laws Amendment**

**September 25, 2001**

**Explanation of the Amendment**

**Your Board of Directors has prepared for your approval a Bylaws amendment to be voted upon at the Annual Membership Meeting on Friday , November 17, 2001. The proposed amendment deals with Club operating procedures; its specific purpose is to formalize and publicize the existing written procedures first adopted by the Board in 1995 and to establish their continuing nature.**

**Our Club operates a bar and serves food and liquor using volunteer help; these activities are under the regulation of, and require contacts with, State and County officials. Our Club sponsors sailboat races that operate in the shipping lanes of Puget Sound; these activities require notices to the US Coast Guard. It is incumbent upon the Board and the active Committee members to know the various requirements of these offices. There are many other day-to-day club activities which also require “knowing the ropes” to avoid problems and to provide safe and efficient working of the organization. Learning the rules is best done with certainty from a written manual of procedures available to all Club Members, especially the Board of Directors and the active Committee members.**

This is the official publication of the Proposed Amendment to the Bylaws.

**You will be asked to vote on it at the Annual Meeting on Saturday, November 17, 2001. Be sure to attend; your presence and your votes are needed! We'll see you there!**

**Proposed Amendment:**

**ARTICLE VII - BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICES**

**Add new paragraph as follows:**

**“18. The Board shall prepare, adopt and publish a set of Rules of Procedure to guide those responsible for operating the Club in its the routine functioning following the regulations of the public agencies involved and also in using sound organizational and business practices including financial policies, practices and auditing. The Rules of Procedure shall be published and be available to all members. They shall be revised by the Board as necessary to remain current and meet Club needs. “**

## Club Finances

The financial situation of the club is solid. We have made it through another fiscal year (our official fiscal year is January through December, but practically speaking, the budget runs from October 1 through September 30 because in October we start taking in next year's money) and at the end of this month should have about \$7,000 left over in the checking account.

The dues notices will be going out in early October, and perhaps this is a good time to talk a little about club finances in general. Our expenses are basically broken into three separate areas. These are operations, which is almost everything; race, which covers all the racing activities; and social, which mostly covers the general meetings, the associated meals, and the Commodore's Ball.

The member's dues pay for all the operational expenses, and in the past several years has been able to cover 100% of these costs. These costs represent all of our regular bills (heating, electricity, phone, taxes, etc) in addition to our liability insurance, regatta insurance, building maintenance, moorage fees, and just about anything else that comes up.

The race packets and fees for invitational races has traditionally covered all of the race expenses. Usually, the money taken in by the race committee has been enough to meet all race expenses. However, since we purchased a chase boat, in some years the race program has not covered all costs. This year, for example, we had to purchase a new engine for the chase boat. It is unlikely the race revenue will be able to cover this additional cost.

The social costs represent what we pay for meals and the club special events, like the Commodore's Ball. Normally, each meeting and meal for which costs exist is paid for by the money we collect for those events. The one exception is the Commodore's Ball, which traditionally runs about \$300 in the red. This last year it ran about \$600 in the red, mostly because we had only about 50% of the normal attendance.

Besides the general checking account, we have some sub accounts, and the largest of these is the "checking overflow". This is where we hold the dollars we accrue in excess of our identified needs. Currently, this account

has \$37,754.85, and we will probably put another \$5,000 in it when our dues start to roll in during October. Although these dollars are not targeted for any specific purpose at this time, it is likely most of them will be used to do upgrades of the clubhouse at some future point. One of our most important tenets has been that we will not accrue any debt. Consequently, if and when we decide to upgrade the clubhouse we will need funds to work with. It is my personal hope that we achieve \$100,000 for this purpose before we do any major upgrades. It is important to understand the board has not reached a consensus on any future plan for an upgrade of the clubhouse and indeed does not have any specific plans at this point. It is likely, however, that at some future point an upgrade in the clubhouse will become necessary. Input on this point is always welcome.

In the last few years we have upgraded the facilities. We spent about \$10,000 on the bar and another \$10,000 on the outbuilding where we store the BBQ equipment and some racing gear. Both of these changes have considerably increased the utility of the facility.

In conclusion, the club's finances are in good shape and we are making reasonable progress toward building our resources for whatever we decide to do next. As long as we are careful with the assets we have, pay our way as we go, and continue to build resources for the future, we will continue to be financially sound. Contact me anytime at [mark@markburpo.com](mailto:mark@markburpo.com) with comments or ideas. Mark Burpo, Treasurer

## Vice Commodore's Message

On September 28 the club had its Annual Salmon Feed. Chef Rod Bell took command of the barbeque and with Bob Carlson, Ray Connel, Jim O'Neill, Larry Newland and Bill Larson did a great job cooking the salmon over alder coals. This time the many cooks made the meal delicious. Rod got his reward at the ice cream tub and the chocolate pump. Clair Wixom presented a program on the PACCAR Technicl Center. We learned all about the inner workings and hidden mechanisms of those giant Kenworth trucks plying the highways.

**At noon on Saturday, October 20th is the First Mate's Luncheon.** This culinary delight will be prepared and served by male members of our Club. At \$5.00 per this has to be the best deal in town. RSVP and come check out the chefs. *(sorry girls, no Full Monte. ed)*

# The Mini 12 Fleet at Royal Victoria Yacht Club



## Plan Ahead for these Events Coming Up

<b>Friday, Oct 5</b>	<b>TGIF Happy Hour</b>	<b>1730</b>	<b>RC Pam Harju</b>
<b>Saturday, Oct 6</b>	<b>Blakely Island Race and Bash</b>	<b>0900</b>	<b>R/C Willie Gravley</b>
<b>Friday, Oct 12</b>	<b>Hamburgers and Bowling Night</b>	<b>1730</b>	<b>VC Bill Short</b>
<b>Saturday, Oct 13</b>	<b>Oktoberfest Race and HooRah</b>	<b>0900</b>	<b>R/C Willie Gravley</b>
<b>Friday, Oct 19</b>	<b>TGIF Happy Hour</b>	<b>1730</b>	<b>RC Pam Harju</b>
<b>Saturday, Oct 20</b>	<b>First Mate's Luncheon</b>	<b>1200</b>	<b>VC Bill Short</b>
<b>Tuesday, Oct 23</b>	<b>AYC Board Meeting</b>	<b>1900</b>	<b>C Liz O'Neill</b>
<b><u>Friday, Oct 26</u></b>	<b><u>Gen Mtg/Crab Feed/ Nominations</u></b>	<b><u>1730</u></b>	<b><u>MC Girts Rekevics</u></b>
<b>Sunday, Oct 28</b>	<b>Cruising Club Potluck</b>	<b>1800</b>	<b>VC Bill Short</b>
<b>Friday, Nov 2</b>	<b>TGIF Happy Hour</b>	<b>1730</b>	<b>RC Pam Harju</b>
<b>Friday, Nov 9</b>	<b>Hamburgers and Bowling Night</b>	<b>1730</b>	<b>VC Bill Short</b>
<b><u>Saturday, Nov 17</u></b>	<b><u>Annual Meeting - Elections</u></b>	<b><u>1730</u></b>	<b><u>MC Girts Rekevics</u></b>