



# KNOT NEWS



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Anacortes Yacht Club's 111th Year

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## Commodore's Comments

Sailing races and cruises have come to an end for this year, but there are still plenty of land based activities around the clubhouse. We have several land cruises coming up this month and next, \$2.00 nights, bowling and an open bar on Friday nights where you can meet your friends for conversation and refreshments.



The basement project is near completion with just a few little corrections before final inspection approval. At the last general meeting a committee was formed to decorate the downstairs. Barbara Ritts has volunteered to chair the committee. She will be working with Dick Smock, Jerica Carlsberg, Karen Thomson, and Pam Edwards-Harju. A bar has also been donated for the downstairs so we are making progress.

The club has recently been hit with a sharp increase in TV cable rates. We are currently exploring a satellite system as an alternative to reducing the costs and improving service.

When the upstairs bar was built several years ago, the cabinets and counters on the backside were never constructed. We are now in the process of getting bids to complete that work.

All of these projects and activities take lots of volunteer hours from the many talented members in our club. We could not do it without your support and hard work. Many thanks for helping to make the AYC a club we can all be proud of.

**Bill Short, Commodore**

"Sailing isn't a sport. Sailing is a way to get somewhere. Riding the bus isn't a sport. Why the @#\*-% is sailing a sport?" George Carlin, 2001

*George has his opinion and it is my opinion that most of us would not agree with his opinion. ed*

## MARK YOU CALENDARS

Another year is coming to a close at AYC – it has certainly been a pleasure planning the dinners and the programs for the year. I hope you all enjoyed them as much as I enjoyed presenting them to you all.

The next **General Meeting** will be held on **November 23<sup>rd</sup>**, which is a Saturday night – you will be treated to a Spaghetti Dinner, fresh green salad, French bread and of course for dessert, that wonderful tub of ice cream. Yes folks, I am cooking dinner for the night. The price will be \$7.00 per person. The program has yet to be decided – the announcement will be made at a later date.

The November General Meeting is a very important one to attend – it is election of Officers and Board of Director's for the coming year 2003. Bar opens at 6:00 PM – dinner at 7:00 PM, elections and then the program. You may RSVP to [pam@cnw.com](mailto:pam@cnw.com) or call the yacht club phone at 360.293.5277.

Some more important dates to mark on your calendar are as follows:

**Anacortes Yacht Club Christmas Party, December 13<sup>th</sup>** which will be a gift exchange, woman for woman, man for man – (price limit of \$10.00) bring an hors d'oeuvre to share, enjoy the evening and the festive decorations at the club.

The next important date will be the **Commodore's Ball – January 11<sup>th</sup>** at the Swinomish Casino – more about that later – but please mark your calendars – the price will be \$25.00 per person. We will be honoring Bill Short, for his year as Commodore.

That's about all for the present time. I will of course be e-mailing reminders, as each event approaches, so stay tuned.

**Pam Edwards-Harju, Vice Commodore**

## AYC HARRISON HOT SPRINGS RESORT LAND CRUISE

**NOVEMBER 15-17**

Come join the fun at the Harrison Hot Springs Resort in Harrison, British Columbia. Enjoy the mineral hot springs, a massage, short hike, nearby golfing or whatever – even relaxing in the lounge!

### **Friday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>**

Tea and pastries in the lobby 4:30 – 5:00 PM  
Dinner at 7 PM Black Forest Restaurant

### **Saturday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>**

Activities on your own – pool, golf, shopping hiking, sleeping in, Minter Gardens Or enjoy a massage at the Healing Springs Spa .

4:30 PM Tea and Pastries in the lobby

5:30 PM Snacks/drinks in the Shorts room

7:00 PM Dinner in the Copper Room, dancing later if available with the Jones Boys.

### **Sunday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>**

Check out time is Noon, Back to work

### **Arrangements:**

Call 1-800-663-2266 for reservations or  
[www.harrisonresort.com](http://www.harrisonresort.com)

Make reservations ahead for massage at  
[www.healingspringsspa.com](http://www.healingspringsspa.com)

### **Driving Directions:**

Take I-5 North to Bellingham, Hwy 539 to Lynden, East to Sumas. East on Hwy 1 Trans Canada Hwy, Take Exit 135 – Agassiz-Harrison turnoff beyond Chilliwak, Follow signs to Harrison Hot Springs Resort.

### **Cruise Captains: Bill and Marcia Short**

Please contact us at 360-293-8844 or [mshort@telcomplus.net](mailto:mshort@telcomplus.net) if you are planning on going on this cruise so that appropriate dinner reservations can be made.

## Wine and Cheese Cruise

What more could one wish for – perfect weather, an uncrowded harbor, easy mooring, great wine and cheese, and friends to share it with! That is what cruisers found on October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> when they headed out for the Wine and Cheese Cruise. The seven boats that came for this great weekend were Marv Klinger and Dave Thomson on Harriot J., David and Jeanine Bush on Dream Chaser, Alan and Janice Kelley on SeaTrack, Bruce and Cynthia Backlund on Sea Star, Phil and Madelyn Case on In the Mood, Bill Short and guest Mike Snook on Friendship, and coming all the way from LaConner by himself was Peter Sanders on Salt Shaker. What a fun way to finish the cruising season of 2002!

## Nominations

At the October 25<sup>th</sup> General Meeting the Nominating Committee's recommendations for the 2003 board Positions were presented to those in attendance. The floor was opened for any other nominations and none were forthcoming. You will receive your ballots by mail before the Annual General Meeting and election scheduled for Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. The nominations are:

<b>Commodore</b>	<b>Pam Edwards-Harju</b>
<b>Vice Commodore</b>	<b>Bill Booth</b>
<b>Rear Commodore</b>	<b>Pat Barrett</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Brenda Cheaqui</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Warren Waltz</b>
<b>Director Position 1</b>	<b>George Way</b>
<b>Director Position 2</b>	<b>Fred West</b>

This from Article VI par 14 of AYC Bylaws: The election of officers shall take place at the annual meeting of the membership. A member, in order to vote, must be in good standing and may vote by mail (provided the envelope containing the ballot is postmarked two days prior to the annual meeting) or in person. Each member may cast one (1) vote for each director's position. The votes cast shall be counted by the nominating committee. There shall be no votes cast by proxy.

When you receive your ballot in the mail you will find some instructions. Please follow them or your vote may be nullified.

## **OUCH! by Lynn Ogden**

We began our "Around Vancouver Island Cruise" on Friday 6 Sep 2002. All was going well: we saw whales, caught fish, caught crabs and visited old Indian villages. We safely crossed the Nawatti Bar, rounded Cape Scott, and sailed around the Brooks Peninsula in a 35 Knot Nor'Wester. We were having a great time.

On Friday evening, 20 Sep 2002, after coming to anchor in the Bunsby Islands, which are just South of the Brooks Peninsula, and sober, I was preparing to put out the crab traps for the evening. I was loading them into the dinghy behind the boat. During the loading I slipped on the back deck, fell toward the water, and trapped my right foot under the top rung of the boarding ladder and my right knee acted as a fulcrum for the rest of my weight on the edge of the next rung. I was hanging under water trapped with a 10 to 20 degree outward dislocation of my right knee. I was able to pull my head above water by reaching the dinghy and called for Kathy's help. She said my knee "was bent out sideways." Knowing she was unable to do anything to help I forced, with great concentration and pain, my foot out from under the ladder rung, and I fell free. I hung from the ladder for some period of time to regain my composure.

While getting out of the water it became apparent to me that my knee was completely unstable and already swollen to the size of a watermelon. After several glasses of Crown Royal and a couple of Percocet pain killers, I was able to fashion a splint of sorts out of battens, plastic, ace bandages and Velcro straps. I could now move short distances with out my knee collapsing.

Our choices were to call the Canadian Coast Guard for a medical evacuation which would have left Kathy and the boat in the Bunbsy Islands, 150 miles from anywhere; or abandon the remainder of our trip and head for the nearest hospital which was three days away in Tofino. We chose the latter.

Sunday evening we arrived in Tofino, called the hospital emergency room who recommended we come in the next morning when all was open. We did, saw a doctor, had x-rays (nothing broken), and got a real knee splint applied. I called an orthopedic friend of mine who gave needed advice and set up an appointment for me at The Everett Clinic's orthopedic

clinic on the day after my arrival at home.

We arrived in Everett late Saturday night (28 Sep 2002). My appointment was Monday at the clinic. An MRI (a fancy x-ray like examination) was done Tuesday which confirmed a complete tear of several ligaments that hold my knee together, and other findings consistent with traumatic dislocation of the knee.

I start physical therapy this Tuesday (8 Oct 2002), and have a follow up appointment with the surgeon on Monday, 14 Oct 2002 at which time his plan will be discussed. I suspect surgery.

My plan is to return to work and sailing as soon as possible. Although my mind still considers me a 20 year old jock, you and I both know that is not the case, and at 60 years old it may take me awhile to bounce back from this event.

**Lynn & Kathy Ogden "MORPHEUS"**

## **Building Committee Report**

On October 23rd the city performed the final inspection on the basement project. I'm sorry to say that we flunked. But, never fear, we shall overcome. Some of the items may be considered by some as picking the fly dung out of the pepper but it's the code. Such things as the toilet flush handle on the wrong side, fire extinguishers overdue for inspection, etc. All will be taken care of shortly and then we can enjoy the basement. Those that enjoy basements, that is.

A handsome service bar has been donated by Jim Taylor and will be moved into place in the near future. The newly formed decorating committee will be conjuring up the finishing details in the near future. Contact Barbara Ritts if you have input.

## **Wanted**

Energetic, resourceful, inventive, reliable and altruistic person for a small task to be performed monthly for the northwest's oldest yacht club. Must be proficient in computer skills utilizing desktop publishing and graphics programs.

Additional qualifications include ability to print and transmit documents in PDF format; compile and print mailing labels; reproduce documents for mailing; address, stamp and mail in bulk. Plus anything else that needs to be done. If interested contact Bill Short at 293 8844.

## **November Schedule**

**Friday, Nov 1**      **Open Bar**  
**Friday, Nov 8**      **Open Bar, \$2.00 Nite, Bowling @ 7:30 PM**  
**Friday, Nov 15**     **Open Bar**  
**Friday, Nov 15-17** **Harrison Hot Springs Resort Land Cruise**  
**Friday, Nov 22**     **Open Bar**

### **Saturday, November 23**

## **AYC Annual Dinner Meeting & Election**

**Tuesday, Nov 26**    **Board Meeting**