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From the Helm

Hi, happy August.

This is sort of a down time for the yacht club. Lots of people are out cruising, sailing or just having fun.

We did not have a Board Meeting this month, as almost the whole board was sailing at Race Week in Oak Harbor. Can't blame them for wanting to stay and enjoy the festivities vs coming back for a meeting. Hope you all had fun.

During the month, the club hosted a group from the International Order of the Blue Gavel. For those who are not aware of this organization, well, it is comprised of Past Commodores of all yacht clubs. Our club had a couple of Past Commodores who belonged for a short time, but presently, and in the future, I don't think we will have any members to that group. Any way, with the help of Jim and Liz O'Neill, Bruce Backlund, Betty Pearce and myself, we fed 40 people and made a little extra money for the club.

I know that most of you have read about the passing of Larry Newland. We all are saddened by the loss, but we are also very fortunate to have known him as we did. At the recent \$2.00 night, which also happened to have a Mexican theme, we had a moment of silence for not only him but for his family who we have come to know. The last big event at the club was his birthday, which also had a Mexican theme, so actually it was very fitting to remember again how he touched all of our lives. Also keep in mind that when you are sitting in those wonderful chairs at the club they were donated by Larry and Linda Newland.



This is going to short and sweet as I think I should be out enjoying the out-of-doors and not sitting at this computer. Enjoy the month of August and mark your calendars for all the upcoming events as we enter the fall of the year.

Until next month, Cheers ☺, Pam

Shaw Island Classic, August 9

The Shaw Island Classic is scheduled for Saturday, August 9, 2003. This race goes around Shaw Island either way. Yup. Clockwise or counter clock wise. Girts Rekevics won his class one year and is immortalized on the class trophy. If you are interested, dial up the web page at <http://www.sjiyc.com/> and send in an entry form. It's a great event. --Spencer Swain

Report from the Port Townsend Jazz Festival Cruise

Although the number of boats may have been small, the enthusiasm and camaraderie at the Jazz Festival July 24-27 was great! *Dragon Tail* with Betsy and Ken Cave arrived Thursday afternoon, and *In the Mood* with Madelyn and Phil Case arrived late Thursday evening. Wayne and Andra Schaub on *Madrisa* arrived early Friday afternoon after an interesting fog encounter. Moorage was scattered, but available at the Port Townsend Marina.

Friday day was spent browsing the shops and marine hardware stores in Port Townsend, then a Happy Hour aboard *In The Mood*. Friday evening's highlight was the concert at McCurdy Pavilion at Fort Warden by the legendary great harmonica player "Toots" Theileman with the Kenny Warner Trio. He is an eighty-one year old inspiration who "goes for the heart and makes you cry." Ken Cave was practically bawling in the aisle! HA!

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Saturday afternoon's concert at the Pavilion was a triple-header—John Clayton and Friends, Flutology (three amazing jazz flutists improvising and carrying on), and the Kim Richmond All Star Big Band. The concert lasted almost four hours. We definitely got our money's worth!

After that packed afternoon and a frustrating wait for a nonexistent bus ride, we made it back to our boats via a taxi for relaxation and rejuvenation with a Happy Hour and potluck dinner. We never made it to the Clubs for more jazz that evening.

Sunday morning was fogged in as usual, but with the help of "Randy Radar" we all made it home safely. A good time was had by all. --Cruise Captains, Phil and Madelyn Case.

Nonsuch News

I just got back from Ganges, BC where the Nonsuch Rendezvous took place July 26-27. Below is a picture of Maury Fink at the helm of *Puffin* on the upwind leg of the Nonsuch race. Of the all boats in the



*Maury Fink at the helm,
photo by Beetlebaum*

race only ONE beat the 22 foot Puffin over the finish line and that was a Nonsuch 30. Puffin outsailed a Niagara 31, two NS 26s and a NS 30. He received a genuine, polished brass megaphone from the group for his outstanding performance. Maury had yours truly and another chap for moveable rail ballast. As NS 22 owners we, are committed to provide competition at next years race. --Spencer Swain

Summer Fun Race Series

We ran the Summer Fun 2 race last Wednesday evening, July 16, 2003. The wind was light and variable with strong tidal action. Some boats did not fin-

ish because the wind really shut off. After the race we went over to the Elks Club where appetizers (chicken wings and Swedish meat balls), baked potatoes with toppings, chili and burgers were served. The bar was open and useful. Chris Mays showed videos of the race on the large screen TV while people ate. It was fun and the Elks folks turned out to be gracious hosts. There was no race next July 23, because of Whidbey Island Race week. The final race and awards party was held July 30th with the party at the Elks. For once there was good wind and with almost all the boats making a port start, there was a very exciting start. --Walt Meagher

Cheney Cup a Challenge

We ran the Cheney Cup on Saturday, July 12. It was sunny virtually all day and started to rain a little just



*Catsass Amigos at work in
the Cheney Cup, photo by
Vic Childs*

as we were finishing. The winds were very variable and there was a -3' tide that made for some interesting scenarios. We would have about 10 knots of wind and then zero and get drifted backwards. But, it was a very beautiful day to sail and I cannot imagine a nicer way to spend the day! --Walt Meagher

Friday Nights at the AYC

The AYC Club House and bar are now open on Fridays from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. Lots of people have been showing up to spend the evening with fellow boaters. Bring hors d'oeuvres if you like, and join us. Bring guests too!

BC Pub Cruise

The Pub Cruise this year began with six boats making the cruise around the Gulf Islands. After making an overnight stop at Orcas Island Yacht Club, cruisers went on to check out the new construction going on



Mike Burk with his new boat on the Pub Cruise, photo from Bill and Marcia Short

at Bedwell Harbour. Nanaimo was our next destination where we checked out our outpost at the Dinghy Dock Pub. Canada Day was spent enjoying the celebratory activities at the park, but we missed not having fireworks this year. Ganges is always a must for the Pub Cruise with its Saturday Market to hunt for homemade crafts and goodies. The weather this year was sunny and provided lovely sailing opportunities and impromptu “races” for the sailors in the group. Cruisers this year were Dean and Suzanne Emery, John and Martha Moody, Dave and Pat Malsed, Phil and Madelyn Case, Ian, Eric, and Richard Gatley. Joining the group when they could were Dick and Laura Smock, Jim and Marilyn Lovell, Mike and Pam Burk with their brand new powerboat, and new members Dick and Dorothy Smith. --Cruise Captains: Bill and Marcia Short

AYC Events in August

Bellingham Cruise, August 2-3

Victoria Classic Boat Cruise, Victoria Classic Boat Cruise, August 29-September 1

Wally’s Tour Race Series, Wednesdays, August 6, 13, 20, 27

Shaw Island Classic, Saturday, August 9 (SJIYC)

Tri-Straits Race, Saturday, August 16

July \$2 Night a Sellout



Guests Bill and Rita Rollins, Photo from the Bowmans

The July Two Dollar Night was a taco feed. Jennifer and Bill Bowman fed about 50 AYC members and then at 7 pm sixteen additional visiting members of the International Order of the Blue Gavel showed up to enjoy, but the Bowmans were basically out of food by then. Everyone had a great time. --Jennifer Bowman

Member Ads

Trimaran Partnership... *Krystal Ki* (key) is a Cross 33' trimaran located in Anacortes. She has a 10-HP diesel engine, propane stove, new 10-yr copper epoxy bottom paint, hard dodger, radar, 6 ft head room, and 2 double bunks. I will consider \$3500 down and monthly payments. Call Bill Bowman 360-299-3766, jbow@fidalgo.net

Columbia 8.7... Alan Payne design, length 28'7", beam 10', draft 4'8". Sloop rig, Harken roller furling system, three tails, Lazy Jacks, dodger. Diesel powered (repowered with a three cylinder Perkins), 20 gallon fuel tank. Teak interior, alcohol stove, 40 gallon water tank, head can be converted to shower, holding tank, navigation station, sleeps five. VHF, depth sounder, Aqua Meter Compass, Garmin GPS, knotmeter. Misc. items: two anchors with 30' of chain each, 4 life jackets. Great cruising boat, wife friendly and can be single handed. Call Rod Bell 360-293-5373, E-Mail rpbell2@comcast.net

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