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Commodore's Message Notes and Announcements from the Helm

As the flag passes from Bill to myself, I want to thank all who have helped this past year to make the Anacortes Yacht Club a better organization. Dave, Vic and I were just talking about all the good things that have happened this past year around and with AYC.



As individuals and an organization we've had a number of opportunities to provide a means to be on the water for many who would never have had such an opportunity:

- Friends and family members from elsewhere to see our beautiful surroundings.
- Anacortes Waterfront Festival and the hundreds of rides we provided to community members.
- Anacortes Arts Festival Regatta and our participation in their Fine Art opening night.
- Skippers of the various race boats providing the experience of racing for those without boats.

Many things were done to improve the facilities and the various activities around the Club. Here are just a few:

- All-member BBQ held this summer.
- New dishwasher, allowing us to have real glasses in the Club... a long time dream of Bob Carlson's and extra effort and work by Bill Short and some head scratching by the IGABBIT Society.

- Recently a new Icemaker... one that we can depend on for ice.
- Steel BBQ Rack... a right fancy one at that.
- Fine set of stairs installed leading from the Port parking lot to AYC parking.
- Numerous rentals of the facility. It is one the best place to hold a medium size gathering in Anacortes.

There were so many people over this past year who have continually stepped into the fray and helped out without being asked. And scores more who came forward when asked. For that I can only say thank you for your help. Come to the Commodore's Ball and let's all take some time to be thankful for the many friends and boaters that are part of this organization. We'll have fun, laughs, dancing and some fine food. Hope I'll see you there.

Pat Barrett

Acting Commodore/Vice Commodore

No General Meeting in January

Vice Commodore's Message

Winter has set in... I thought about using the word "hard" but this is western Washington... so it's raining and blowing a bit... but "hard" is Minnesota this time of year and thank God we're not there. Some are smarter than others... Scott, Jodee and Julia Soes are in the British Virgin Islands as I

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Cruising News

The Cruising season is still far ahead, but the planning has begun. We will have a Cruiser's Pot Luck Dinner to plan the cruising season, pin down the dates for the various cruises, and get cruise captains for as many as possible. Please mark your calendars (in pencil) for the following dates:

Feb 5, 2005 6:30 PM - Cruiser's Pot Luck Dinner, at the Clubhouse.

April 9, 2005 - Shakedown Cruise to Friday Harbor, Cruise Captain wanted

April 23, 2005 - Sucia Island Cruise, Cruise Captain Dick Smock & John Moody?

Any comments or questions, call Bill Cheaqui (360) 240-9483, or cheaquibz2@comcast.net



Anacapa - 1936 Alden cutter
Photo by Janet Martin

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write, beginning a 2 week bareboat cruise. I'm jealous!

The officers have been elected and approved via absentee ballots and votes cast at November's Annual meeting. Thanks to all who stepped forward to fill in the Board positions. It is a time commitment to work the flag officer and other Board positions and I for one appreciate all the help.

Due to the December holidays there will be no General Meeting this month. But the Commodore's Ball is scheduled for Saturday, January 15th, at the Northern Lights Casino. Cocktails at 6 and dinner at 7. More details will follow as we get closer.

We will be doing a bit of general maintenance around the Club this winter. The upper drive will be graded and a layer of gravel spread. The deck needs some work so at some point in the next few months we hope to clean, preserve and do a bit of painting. Help would be appreciated, so if you are so inclined to help please contact myself or Dave Thomson and we'll keep you informed of the details and timing.

As always, if you have ideas to make the Club better, please jump in and help or let me know your ideas.

Remember... Life is Short... Sail Fast...

Pat Barrett

Vice Commodore – Acting Commodore

Announcements

Commodore's Ball

The annual Commodore's Ball is scheduled for Saturday, January 15th, at the Northern Lights Casino. Cocktails at 6:00pm and dinner at 7:00pm. Come join us! Please RSVP to Pat Barrett @ (360) 293-6287. Either leave a message or let his staff know you'll be there.

Email works great too: patbarrett@comcast.net

2005 Roster

If you wish to be listed in the roster, you need to have your dues and paperwork (correct address, phone number, etc) to the treasurer by January 7, 2005.

Thanks. Warren Walz lwalz@earthlink.net

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Race Packet photos needed

Walt Meagher has "volunteered" again this year to be the Race Chair and is currently working on the Coast Guard applications and race packets. He hopes to be done in January. He needs a great race photo for the cover of the race packet and for T-shirts. Please e-mail your photos to him ASAP and he will select this year's winner. Special consideration will be given to especially outrageous sailboat action shots.

Walt can be e-mailed at:
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Racing Sheet

*Results from Racers meeting December 8, 2004
By Walt Meagher*

1. Jim O'Neil will be in charge of the chase boat in the future. He will make sure that it gets maintained, has fuel, doesn't sink again, sign out keys so that we can always find a key etc. It will be good to have a person take this responsibility and organize the chase boat's future use. At present, Pat will take the chase boat out of the water using TK Wegg's trailer.

2. Steve Kleinbart, Ed Kennedy and Fred Ableman will be the race scoring subcommittee. They will rewrite the scoring language for the race packet so that in the future there will be no inconsistencies.

3. The cut off times for Hein Bank and Smith Island in 2005 will be at 09:00pm or 12.5 hours after the actual start time. The start boat will have the full 12.5 hours to finish subject to the requirement that she must start within 10 minutes after the general start.

4. We will try to organize a race that is coordinated with Bellingham Yacht Club whereby we start a race from home, then to an agreed spot and have a picnic/party then race back home. I spoke with Dawn Durand and Joe Bartlett from BYC and Joe thought that it might work if both fleets raced to and around Vendovi then back to BYC's outpost on Lummi to party. Then, time permitting, race back around Vendovi and then home again. I will be in contact with Mick Corcorran, BYC's race chair this year and work out the details if it is determined to be feasible.

5. We discussed paying the organizers of major regattas some money to help with the time commitment. Bill Short will be the 2005 Blakely Island race organizer and liaison with the cruisers.

6. We will make a concerted effort to avoid scheduling our races on top of other Puget Sound major regattas. It may not be possible to do this perfectly but we will try. It would help me if racers sent back the other regattas that they would like to



*Whidbey Island Race Week 2001
Photo by Janet Martin*

attend. We already miss Swiftsure and Whidbey Island Race week.

7. We intend to make an addition to the AYC web site to allow for race results with narratives and photographs to be placed immediately after each race and stay for the entire season to be archived later on CD. Steve Kleinbart, our resident computer genius and software engineer will try to coordinate with Dave Thompson, the web site guardian to accomplish these goals. I will assign one boat per series or distance race to write the narrative within a few hours after each race and email it to Steve Kleinbart so he can put the whole package on the site and to Dave Martin for inclusion in the *Knot News*. This change should spread the work out and give some other people a chance to write up descriptions of races.

8. Pat wanted to hear about our take on the Arts Festival regatta and the consensus was that the same format as last year would be great!

9. We discussed the idea of not racing during August due to the lack of wind and the consensus was that we should run the Summer Fun series during August and the Wally's Tours series during July.

10. Brian Hennessy is willing to continue to run buoy races if he does not sell his boat.

11. We all agreed that anyone volunteering their boat for committee boat or chase boat work will be reimbursed for their fuel expense.

AYC 2005 Race Schedule

<http://www.anacortesyachtclub.org/race.htm>

Month	Date	Day	Race	Start	Destination	Points	Trophy
Feb	26	Sat	Foul Weather	9:30	Fisherman's Bay, Lopez	N	Yes
March	5	Sat	Champagne I	9:00	Vendovi Is, R-8	Y	Series
	12	Sat	Champagne II	10:00	Round Guemes Is, Potluck at Club	Y	Series
	19	Sat	Champagne III	9:00	Post Point – Finish G-5	Y	Series
	26	Sat	Tri-Straits I	10:00	Lawson Reef/R-2	Y	Y, Series
April	9	Sat	Tulip Regatta	9:00	Fidalgo Bay	N	Y, Series
	16-17	Sat	PSSR		Seattle YC	N	Series, Yes
	23	Sat	EKM Hein Bank	9:00	Bank, G-1	Y	Yes
	30	Sat	Champagne IV	9:00	Jack Is, R-4 – G-5 – R-4 – Finish G-5	Y	Series
May	4	Wed	Corinthian I	6:30	Fidalgo Bay – 1 Race	Y	Series
	7	Sat	Round Whidbey	9:00	See WINSA.org Web Site	N	Yes
	11	Wed	Corinthian II	6:30	Fidalgo Bay - 1 or 2 Races	Y	Series
	18	Wed	Corinthian III	6:30	Fidalgo Bay - 1 or 2 Races	Y	Series
	21	Sat	Tri-Straits II	9:00	Smith Is	Y	Yes, Series
	28-29	Sat-Sun	Swiftsure	9:00	Victoria	N	Yes
June	1	Wed	Otterstadt I	6:30	Fidalgo Bay – 1 or 2 Races	Y	Series
	4	Sat	Leukemia Cup	12:00	Elliott Bay, Seattle – Race & Auction	N	Yes
	11-12	Sat-Sun	Windermere	10:00	Jack Is Buoy Races	N	Series, Yes
	15	Wed	Otterstadt II	6:30	Fidalgo Bay – 1 or 2 Races	Y	Series
	22	Wed	Otterstadt III	6:30	Fidalgo Bay – 1 or 2 Races	Y	Series
	29	Wed	Otterstadt IV	6:30	Fidalgo Bay – 1 or 2 Races	Y	Series, Yes
July	6	Wed	Wally's Tours I	6:30	Fidalgo Bay – 1 or 2 Races	Y	Series
	10-15	S-F	Whidbey Is Race Week		Oak Harbor	N	Series, Yes
	20	Wed	Wally's Tours II	6:30	Fidalgo Bay - 1 or 2 Races	Y	Series
	27	Wed	Wally's Tours III	6:30	Fidalgo Bay – 1 or 2 Races	Y	Series
	30	Sat	Arts Festival	10:30	Fidalgo Bay – 1-3 Races	N	Series, Yes
Aug	3	Wed	Wally's Tours IV	6:30	Fidalgo Bay – 1 Race	Y	Series, Yes
	6	Sat	Shaw Is Classic		Friday Harbor	N	Yes
	10	Wed	Summer Fun I	6:30	Fidalgo Bay – 1 or 2 Races	N	Series, Maybe
	17	Wed	Summer Fun II	6:30	Fidalgo Bay – 1 or 2 Races	N	Series, Maybe
	24	Wed	Summer Fun III	6:30	Fidalgo Bay – 1 Race	N	Series, Yes
Sep	3-4	Sat-Sun	PITCH		Bellingham YC	N	Series, Yes
	11	Sun	Double Handed	11:00	DH, Jack & Jill, & 3 Score +, Spagetti	N	Yes
	17	Sat	Cheney Cup	9:30	Eliza Is – Chili Feed Potluck Cookoff	Y	Yes
	24	Sat	Blakely Is	10:00	Lydia Shoal & Return	N	No??
Oct	1	Sat	Tri-Straits III	9:30	Viti Rocks, Finish G-5, Potluck	Y	Series
	8	Sat	Sinclair Is	9:30	Sinclair Is – R-2 –Finish G-5 & Pizza	Y	Yes
	15-16	Sat-Sun	PSSC		Seattle	N	Series, Yes
	22	Sat	Oktoberfest	9:30	Fidalgo Bay- 1-3 Races, Potluck	N	Yes
Nov	4-6	Fri-Sun	Grand Prix		Seattle YC Invitational	N	Series, Yes
	12-13	Sat-Sun	Round the County	9:00	Orcas Island Yacht Club	N	Yes
Dec	3	Sat	Winter Vashon	9:00	Seattle YC	N	Yes