



# KNOT NEWS

June 2018

The Anacortes Yacht Club

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## June Calendar

Club open every Friday at 17:30

### June 2-Saturday

17:00 Marv Klinger Memorial

### June 2-3,-Saturday-Sunday

Waterfront Festival

### June 6,13,20,27-Wednesdays

18:30 Buoy Racing

### June 7,14,21,28-Thursdays

9:00-Yoga Stretch Class

### June 8-Friday

17:30 Summer Potluck

### June 9-Saturday

9:00-Champagne Series -Viti Rocks

### June 9-Saturday

16:00-20:00 Private Event

### June 15-Friday

17:30 Third Friday Fun Night

### June 16-17-Saturday-Sunday

GOTB and Singlehanded racing

### June 22-24-Friday-Sunday

Bowman Bay Picnic and Cruise

### June 28-Thursday

18:30 AYC Board Meeting

### June 30-Saturday

10:00-20:00 Private Event

## Commodore's Corner

From the bridge - We will be having our strategic planning retreat on either June 12<sup>th</sup> or June 14<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in participating in this effort please contact me. We will be limited to around 20 participants and I would like some who have been members for a long time, some newer members as well as some from the racing community and also from the cruising community. This should be an excellent exercise in brainstorming and organizing our vision for the future of this club.

In other news – our longtime friend and member Marv Klinger died recently. He was always ready to volunteer with a smile on his face – he will be missed!

The 75<sup>th</sup> annual Swiftsure yacht race was held over last weekend leaving from Victoria, BC. I did the race for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time on my J35 “Sunshine Girl” along with 8 crew – John Sanford, Nick DeRu, Curran Wilbour, Claudia Cimini, Paul Bergman, Jim Bottles, Tom Dixon and Pat Gonzales. We all had a great time in Victoria before and after the race! I have done around 26 Swiftsure races and only one other time did we have such perfect conditions. We had consistent wind even into the mark in Clallam Bay and to the finish line in Victoria (lighter wind towards the finish). Sunshine Girl was first to round in Clallam Bay and 3<sup>rd</sup> in class, 11<sup>th</sup> overall for the race. I again need to thank the crew for their exemplary work and effort!



The Waterfront Festival was this past weekend and many of us took the public for boat rides. I always enjoy this and usually make some new friends in the process. This is the largest and best outreach program AYC does – kudos to Bob Neumann for organizing this again and for bringing it to its current level of excellence and participation.

- Walt Meagher, Commodore

## Opening Day 2018! May 5th

It is that time of year again, the opening of boating season in the Pacific Northwest. Festivities at the Cap Sante marina included our own John Wilkinson regaling the crowd with AYC accomplishments. Great job, John!

Of course, there was the much-anticipated boat parade. All decked out with flags and banners and happy boaters AYC made their annual appearance with a fleet of 5 in a parade of 7 boats. On a beautiful sunny day, July, ZenYata, Black Rabbit, Lucky Duck and Sean and Jan in their dinghy, all decked out and strutting their stuff. Now that's the boating spirit! And, thanks to all the AYC members on the dock who cheered us on.



## Party On

And the fun just kept on coming on May 5. After the excitement of the opening day festivities and boat parade at the marina, John Sanford and his posse (Amanda, Allyson and Kaelyn) transformed the AYC clubhouse into a Mexican cantina to celebrate Cinco de Mayo. Members were treated to fabulous tacos and tostadas of savory chicken, pork or beef with all the trimmings. Sporting sombreros and sarapes, sipping margaritas and beer on the deck in the sunshine made it a perfect evening and ending to a busy day for the AYC.



## Mama Mia Night at the AYC

This month's Third Friday Fun Night was a Mama Mia night with "greek" horsd'oeuvres and the movie, complete with sing-along captions. About 20 fun-loving AYCers, hair bushes in hand, spent 2 hours just "having the time of their lives". Thanks to all who brought food and your sense of fun.





Winners in each category were as follows:

Ugly Costume: Lisa Wright with her outlandish multi-colored hair dye.



Best Couple: Jeff and Elizabeth Wannamaker complete with grass skirts.



Best Doggie: Clifford Trester strutting his stuff with shirt and lei, way too cute!



## AYC (aka Anacortes Youth Corps) lands at Sucia for Memorial Weekend

The annual Dave Thomson Sucia Cruise was a huge success under the capable leadership of Tom Decker and Nancy Wong. We knew it was going to be good when the State Parks duty officer assumed that AYC meant the “Anacortes Youth Corps”. This increased our energy levels, the weather was great and all the events were both fun and memorable.

Friday featured oysters and vodka served by Les Brooks followed by a fireside social at the pavilion with lots of snacks and laughs. Walt Holle and Bud Palmer were the leads on fire making and BBQ preparations.

Saturday morning kicked off with a hike to Ewing Cove, the China Caves and Shallow Bay led by John Wilkinson and Nancy Wong. The picture below is of a few of the hikers giving a youthful rendition of ‘AYC’ from the hilltop at Ewing.

After recovering from the hike, the main festivities and BBQ feast began. The feasting was followed by a tribute to Dave Thomson who originated the Hawaiian theme then the contests began. Jim Perkins was our celebrity MC for the evening.

Then the program switched to story telling with Ben Mickaelson, John Wilkinson and Jim Perkins telling tall tales. The winner was John Wilkinson who told the “true” story of how an early homesteader on Sucia, along with his flock of Canada geese, were able to keep AYC solvent and the bar fully stocked during the prohibition era.

After a long, action packed day of laughs and good humor the crew closed out another epic Sucia weekend. Thanks to all that made it possible through their volunteer efforts.

*-John Wilkinson*



**Marvin Klinger**  
**March 18, 1928– May 4, 2018**

Last month we had to say goodbye to a very dear friend. Marv joined the AYC in 1998 and could always be seen at the club or about town with a huge smile on his face and a kind word. All who knew him considered him a gentleman.



Below is copied from  
The Oregonian.

“Beloved son, father, grandfather, uncle and husband. A true and loyal friend, Torah scholar, paratrooper, smoke jumper, walker, avid sailor and boater, world traveler, voracious reader, lover of Scotch and oysters. And the man for whom the character Klinger was named after. He led a rick and full life and passed away peacefully with loved ones at his side. We all should be so blessed. We miss you Skipper. Please sign the online guest book at [www.oregonlive.com/obits](http://www.oregonlive.com/obits)”  
A memorial was held at the AYC on June 2.

**AYC Racing**  
**Tri Straits Series**

Three races make up the Tri-Straits Series: Lawson Reef, Smith Island and Salmon Bank with distances ranging from 16 to 32 nautical miles. Sometimes there’s wind and sometimes there’s not!

This year the races proved that old age and treachery pay off but showing up and staying the course are key factors too.

Light and fickle winds prevailed for the Lawson Reef race allowing boats to get to the half way point but not all the way home. Pangaea tried to make it around Green Point at Washington Park three times before starting up the iron jenny and heading for home. Still, they salvaged first place ahead of Little Annie and Off Constantly.

Smith Island was equally as frustrating but some of the fleet (ok three boats) showed their mettle and persevered for over 8 hours to complete the course. Die hards Syndicat, aka Never Give Up We Still Have Rum Aboard, took first place edging out Off Constantly and Loa’a Nalu in the standings.

The final and longest race to Salmon Bank started well in nice north westerly breezes of 8 - 10 knots but once in Rosario Straits they soon switched to light westerlies. Little Annie sailed a smart race to outwit the competition and finished first ahead of Allelu and Toonces. Overall results for the Series showed that consistency paid off ... or, should it be that Off Constantly pays! Congratulations to Jeff Hume for winning the Tri-Straits series. Pangaea nabbed second place and John Gunn, with Little Annie, took a well deserved third.

*-Wendy Gray*

**Spring Racing Continues**

Wednesday night racing has finished the first set of 7 races—the Spring Series. Class winners for the series are: Allelu (Chris Chesley), Wild Rumpus (Stephanie Schwenk), Syndicat (Jerry VanderVeen, and Little Annie (John Gunn). The second set of 7 races, Solstice Series, began May 3rd. With three more races, come on out and join the fun, every Wednesday at 18:30.





## 7 New Junior Members

Elizabeth Koals has lived in Anacortes for 16 years, and recently joined the Anacortes Youth Sailing team.

Amy Chookiatsirichai has been in town for 5 years, boating one season on High School Sailing Team.

Olivia Schwart is enjoying sailing and being a part of Anacortes Youth Sailing.

Lauren Mc Clintock has been in the area for about nine months and has sailed in the Summer for the past four years, currently on the AHS Sailing Team. She has been a member of the Navy Yacht Club since 2017 and plans to work at the Coronado Yacht Club this Summer .

Sameer Shorab has been living in Anacortes for 5 years and sailing for a season. His dad sailed big boats in Fiji (where his parents are from). He works at the Anacortes Park and Recs and supporting the sailing team.

Annika Dunton has lived in Skagit County for 15 years and started sailing 5 years ago. She has been on the High School Sailing Team for 2 years and likes learning to crew on the Wednesday night Sailing Races. She also loves to sail whenever she can constantly learning more about sailing.

Robert McCarroll has been in Anacortes since he was 2 years old and has been sailing small 2 person boats for roughly 4 years. They are all excited to join and be a part of the Anacortes Yacht Club.

*-Callie Weber, Membership Chair*

## Anacortes Youth Sailing-2018 Season



The Anacortes High School Sailing Team just wrapped up our 2018 spring season. It was a great season, and one that leaves us with a lot of plans and hopes for the future! We started out in cold February with an astounding twenty-three youth sailors, more than double the team's size from last year. Fifteen of these youth sailors were brand new to the team and seven had never sailed before. We have four middle school sailors, and many freshmen and sophomores. This means that we will have a large team for years to come, and hopefully one that continues to grow.

There was a lot of learning and huge improvements this year, and we had a wonderful season. Our regatta schedule started with North Regionals here in Anacortes on March 3rd, and continued for almost every weekend until May 12th. Our highest placing of the year was 3rd place at the Hood River regatta, which qualified us for Fleet Race Districts at Sail Sand Point. Hood River was very exciting for the sailors. Not only was it the farthest regatta from home, being all the way in Oregon, but with winds of up to 25 mph, it was an exciting breeze for little dinghys! We had great weather and wind at nearly all of our regattas, with the exceptions of a few rainy or no-wind days, and we had a blast racing in locations like Bellingham Bay, Vashon Island, Roche Harbor, and Silverdale. Although we did not win any regattas this season, we had a good time and our new sailors learned a lot! With a team of young, newer sailors that will be gaining more and more experience, it will be exciting to see what the team can accomplish in years to come!

Of course, none of this season would have been made possible without help and donations of resources and time from parents, Anacortes Yacht Club, and our three volunteer coaches Zak Norris, Kent Morrow, and Steve Orsini. Thank you to AYC and everyone who has helped support us!

The team will be continuing to practice intermittently and sail in some of the summer and fall youth sailing regatta circuits to keep in shape and practice for next spring. Additionally, many of our youth sailors are yacht club members and can be seen crewing on boats during Wednesday night races. The competitive high school season may be over, but the sailing never is!

*-Anna Morrow*