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November 2018

The Anacortes Yacht Club

November Calendar

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Club open every Friday at 17:30

November 2-Friday
17:30 Annual Meeting/dinner and elections

November 4-Sunday
12:00-17:00 Commodore's Race

November 7-Wednesday
18:00-21:00 End of the Year Race Awards

November 8-Thursday
18:30 AYC Board Meeting

November 9-Friday
16:00-22:00 Round the County Pre-Race Party

November 11-Sunday
Veterans' Day

November 16-Friday
17:30-Third Friday Fun Night

November 22-Thursday
Thanksgiving

November 23-Friday
17:30 \$5 Night dinner

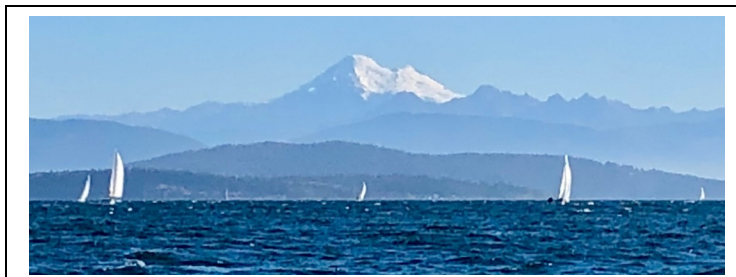


Inaugural S'Ale Fest 2018

S'Ale Fest is a new event at the Anacortes Yacht Club. The big idea is to bring in a Fall regatta that coincides with the Anacortes Chamber of Commerce annual Bier on the Pier

Octoberfest event. It is sponsored by the Anacortes Brewery, our most consistent regatta sponsor!

S'Ale Fest is a perfect opportunity to go sailing and enjoy one of the big weekends in town! This year, a small but enthusiastic fleet raced on Saturday, October 6. We ran all of the boats together on a medium distance race through the bay and down Guemes Channel, parading past the festival along the way. We finished the day with another race in the bay. Sunny and windy, it was a great day on the water. Up at the clubhouse, Commodore Walt cooked up a feast of spaghetti and meatballs with all the good stuff to go with. Games were played, and with a three way tie for first place in the regatta, each boat selected a representative to chug a beverage of choice for the win! One of the boats was absent at the party and lucked out with an all-star substitute that put the rest to shame!



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Congratulations Little Annie, I bet you never knew that your fraternity skills were on point! With a two way tie for 4th place, we had a second round of action as well. In real scoring, the tiebreaker went to Wild Rumpus, Little Annie and Pangaea in that order for the top three spots.

After our cheeks and sides were aching with laughter, several of us headed up to town where the bands carried on with festival revelers. S'Ale Fest is off to a great start! For North End boats headed to Seattle for fall racing, this is a perfect stop along the way! A day of racing and the next day to get the boat down south. You never know, this might be just the thing that you never knew you needed.

Thank you to the volunteers and inaugural racers. If you missed it this year, don't worry! It'll be back! The first weekend in October, right before PSSC, put it on the calendar now!

-Stephanie Schwenk



Tie-breaker

Crab Feed

The AYC annual crabfest was held during the general meeting on October 12. Over 80 members and guests enjoyed crab, chicken and various accoutrements. Kudos to Commodore Walt for providing a fabulous dinner for all. There were very few leftovers.



Our speaker was Marlene Kleven, RN, from Guemes Is. She described both her professional experience in medically evacuating State Department personnel from nearly a third of the world, and then her very personal experience with a medical evacuation of her husband after a boating accident on Saltspring Island. She enlightened us on the various insurance options Americans have and do not have when traveling in a foreign country and dealing with their medical systems. The statement "Oh, nobody told us you were American" speaks volumes when traveling outside the United States.

Good food and good information.

-Bill Stone, Vice Commodore

Cruise Round-Up

What a fabulous 2018 cruising season was had by the AYC Cruisers led by our Cruise Chairs Sandy and Tom Norris. Our October Third Friday Fun Night was dedicated to night of snacks, reminiscing and thank yous and lots of laughter remembering all the fun times. Sandy and Tom made sure the cruise captains got kudos for their hard work in making each cruise a success. Then they passed the mantle of leadership to Marti and Garth Frazier, the new 2019 Cruise Chairs. Many thanks to Sandy and Tom for a great year!



Garth and Marti Frazier take over from Sandy and Tom Norris

New Preferred Members

Phyllis Woolwine - "Alaria" - Nimble 30'

Phyllis started sailing on San Francisco Bay at 5 and has been cruising the Salish Sea since she was 10. She has operated powerboats in Alaska for 18 years and she is devoted to Maritime Education. Phyllis is excited to get involved with the cruising programs and attend our many social events.

Murray & Valerie Laidley - "Asylum" - Beneteau First 38

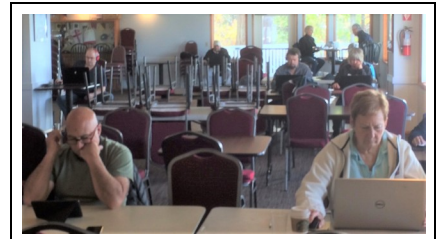
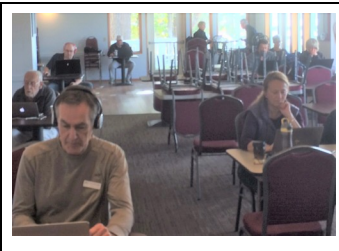
Murray and Valerie are very long time boaters, both power and sail. They have done extensive cruising and informal racing; cruising to Desolation Sound, Princess Louisa and more. Both are members of the Shelter Bay Yacht Club. They are excited to get involved with the racing and cruising program and enjoy the many social events the club offers.

John Taylor - "Sophie" - Bristol 39

John is a Seattle Native and has been around water most of his life spending Summers on Orcas Island. John has lots of power boat experience and some sailing experience which he plans on brushing up on with his new boat he recently purchased. He is ready to go cruising with the club and enjoy the many social events the club has to offer.

-Callie Weber, Membership

Bartender MAST Training Class



In 2018 there are 209 bartending slots available to serve others at our club during social events. So far this year we have had 42 licensed members volunteer their time to fill the 169 slots available through October. On average, an AYC bartender serves the club in this capacity about four times a year.

To maintain a well-trained group to serve our members, a "Mandatory Alcohol Server Training (MAST) class and test was held on Saturday, October 27th. Congratulations to the 12 members that successfully passed the test and will soon be receiving their licenses from the State of Washington: Mike Bastrom, Bob Brooks, Ingrid Draper, Rexanne Graham, Matt Hartley, Joan Mickelson, Jerry Reilly, Kathi Reilly, Connie Spring, Jeff Spring, Chuck Trester, Mary Trester

The following members either renewed their license or successfully completed the "MAST" test prior to the October 27th class: Peter Bolay, Ann Gerner, John Gerner, Sean Kelly, Meg Kershaw, Marci Maulden, Francene Nebuloni, Sharon Orndorff, Dick Redmond, Tim Wenger

For those wanting to be an AYC bartender but were unable to attend the October 27th class, you are able to take the on line class at www.rserving.com Let me know when you complete the class so I can register you as a licensed bartender in our records.

At this point in time we have a total of 56 AYC members that are able to bartend at the club. This includes the 22 members that in 2018 either renewed their license or completed their "MAST" test for the first time.

Having a group of committed volunteers to serve our members has made my job as Rear Commodore an enjoyable experience. Thank you for all of your help and support.

-Bob Neumann, Rear Commodore