



# KNOT NEWS

July 2019    The Anacortes Yacht Club    Since 1891

## July Calendar

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Club open every Friday at 17:30

**July 2-5 Sat-Tuesday**  
4th of July Cruise-Fisherman's Bay

**July 3, 10, 24, 31 Wednesdays**  
18:30 Summer Series Racing

**July 4, 11, 18, 25 Thursdays**  
9:00-10:00 Yoga Stretch Class

**July 11 Thursday**  
18:30 AYC Board Meeting

**July 12 Friday**  
18:30 Summer Potluck

**July 13, Saturday**  
9:30 Otterstadt Series-Cone Island

**July 19-Friday**  
17:30 Third Friday Fun Night

**July 21-Saturday**  
Shipwreck Day

**July 26 Friday**  
18:30 Potluck

**July 27--Saturday**  
9:30 Otterstadt Series



## Commodore's Take



Here we are already six months into 2019. I am writing this from Toba Inlet, a spectacularly beautiful get-away located north and east of Campbell River and another reminder of why boating in the Pacific Northwest is such a rewarding experience.

So where is AYC halfway through 2019? Last December the new Board had an informal meeting to discuss 2019 goals. A prime objective was to put AYC "in front" of the Port of Anacortes. We felt it was essential to remind the Port that there were 400 AYC members, many of them Port tenants, residing at 611 Rotary Park Lane in the North Basin. AYC is now represented on the North Basin Advisory panel. The Port's Opening Day festivities featured a boat parade with over 20 AYC burgee flying boats. One of the main attractions and favorite activity at this years Waterfront Festival were the free boat rides offered by AYC volunteers. The Port knows we exist. I feel confident we have a good working relationship with the Port and this can only benefit AYC in the future. Another goal was to dust off the plans and ideas for a potential kitchen/bar upgrade. We are starting to look to future needs of the club in this area and will be asking everybody's input as we move forward. We are working with the City and the Port, although very slowly I am afraid, to resolve some issues with the road in front of the Club. The goal is to improve the road and parking/access to AYC.

Finally, we are working on selectively increasing our membership. The open house we had during Opening Day showcased what AYC has to offer boaters living in the area and we had three new memberships as a result. What we really need now is for members to reach out to friends or acquaintances who are boaters and would be an addition to AYC to reach out to them about joining. Sam and I wish everyone a very enjoyable 4<sup>th</sup> of July and fair winds.

*-Bill Stone, Commodore*



## 30th Annual Waterfront Festival - 2019

A rewarding experience was enjoyed by the 81 AYC members contributing to the success of this year's Waterfront Festival. Members of the Anacortes High School Sailing team with our dockhands supported the sixteen skippers that contributed use of their boats for the weekend event. Our registration team and hospitality escorts were stellar. We offered 120 boat excursions on Fidalgo Bay which were enjoyed by 485 passengers. Mayor Laurie Gere ventured out on Liquid Assets on Sunday afternoon for a memorable ride.

Our efforts were featured in the Anacortes American newspaper and Stephanie Hamilton, Executive Director for the Anacortes Chamber of Commerce remarked, "You all are so amazing. I can't tell you how many families shared with me their boat trip experience!"

We finished Sunday afternoon with an authentic "Texas BBQ" prepared by Keith Stone. Warren Walz was honored with the framed "2018 Waterfront Festival" poster for offering his vessel, Echo II, for use at the "Waterfront Festival" for the past 25 years – WOW!!

*-Bob Neumann, Vice Commodore/Waterfront Festival Chair*





## New Preferred Members

**Jim Thomas**  
"Imagine" Sabre 37'

Jim has been boating for 45 years, 2 in Anacortes. He belongs to the Encinal Yacht Club and Oakland Yacht Club.

**Barrie & Kathleen Hughlock**  
"Ruffles" - Camano Troll 31'

Barrie and Kathleen moved to Anacortes in 2017. They previously had owned sailboats, in 2000 they changed to powerboats. Currently they are enjoying the good weather

**Scott & Judy Bushnell**  
"Spanish Dances" - F-27

Scott and Judy are lifetime NW natives. Scott has been racing and sailing multihulls for years. Judy has always been on a boat whether it's sail, ski, cruiser or row boat and they are members of the NW Multihull Association.

## New Associate Members

**Dennis & Nola Palmer**

Dennis and Nola started sailing as children, when they got together they spent many years cruising boats on Puget Sound. Dennis is also an ASA professional instructor.

Please offer a warm welcome to all our newest members.

*Callie Weber, Membership Chair*

## GOBT



This year, we changed up our GOTB weekend and made it a one day event. On Sunday, we raced to Jack Island and had a combined event with Women's, Single handed, or Novice skippers at the helm. We've seen a decline in participation for this event, so it made sense to combine them. While only 4 boats participated, it

was still a great day and a great race, and we still accomplished our goal. We had a youth sailor girl at the helm of Stan Perkins' Jeanneau "Breakaway", Rumpus had two novice sailors running the cockpit and driving with lots of coaching from me on the foredeck. We had two single-handed racers, Off Constantly and then new Capri 22, skippered by Will Porter. New people got to try new things, and we all enjoyed a sunny Sunday afternoon on the water. Whale stickers were altered to add bows, crowns, hearts and hands for the event. Hoping the race will gain traction again next year!

*-Stephanie Schwenk, Race Chair*

## Guemes Island Night Race



Saturday evening, June 15th, we ran the annual Guemes Island night race! It started at 2000 at the refinery dock and the course was around Guemes Island to Starboard (clockwise). Leave R6 North of Clark Pt, Jack Island R4 buoy SE of Jack to Starboard then finish between R2 and the range mark on the refinery dock. Participants were; Big Broderna, Wild Rumpus, Sunshine Girl, the mighty Sanctuary plus 2 guest boats, Normandie a Catalins 25 and DuFrie a San Juan 28. This was an absolutely beautiful evening for sailing! There was great breeze! We saw up to 20 knots briefly but never had a complete stop for the duration! I recall seeing Big Broderna flying across my bow when we were flying the spinnaker up Bellingham Channel, they must have been doing 15 knots! The mighty F31R can really fly with that much wind! It was a thrill just to see them cross our bow at that speed. I always say that I can't sail on a multi more than once a year or be driven mad with desire! They are so much fun!! We never saw over 8 knots but that was thrilling for us! On sunshine Girl I had 13 people some had never sailed at night and all had a great time! The finishing places were; 1st place – Big Broderna, 2nd place – Sunshine Girl, Wild Rumpus – DNF, Sanctuary – DNF. If you missed this race you missed a real opportunity to sail your boat at a great venue in wonderful conditions.

*-Walt Meagher*