



# KNOT NEWS

January 2020

The Anacortes Yacht Club

Since 1891

## January Calendar

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Club Open Every Friday at 17:30

### January 1 - Wednesday

A new decade begins

### January 11 - Saturday

10-12:00 Bartenders Meeting

### January 16-Thursday

18:30 AYC Board Meeting

### January 18- Saturday

17:30 Commodore's Ball

**A Sea of Treasures**

### January 24 - Friday

17:30 \$5 Dinner Night

### January 25 - Saturday

Evening Rotary Club Event



## Commodore's Take



As many of you know, I took the track to becoming AYC's 2019 Commodore, by literally jumping the Bar. I had some trepidation taking on this position but with the help of both the 2019 Board and members of AYC, my 2019 tenure was extremely enjoyable.

Why? Simple. The people who make up Anacortes Yacht Club. Lots of diverse opinions with one goal... to make the AYC environment an even better one.

2020? The Club is fortunate to have another exceptional Board, facing a number of complex issues and exciting opportunities ahead. Members continuing to contribute and continually volunteer will drive the upcoming year's success.

Finally...the Club is made up of unique individuals and we as current participants need to continue to promote new membership. This is the future of Anacortes Yacht Club. And we need to start now.

Thank you for a great year.

Fair winds and no smoke...

*-Bill Stone, Commodore*

## New Preferred Members

### Don & Kathy Rogers - "Valhalla"- Meridian 391 44'

Don & Kathy moved from Spokane to Anacortes after retiring I. 2002. Don has spent 29 years in the USAF and Kathy has spent 29 years as a Windermere agent. Their two sons and their spouses +4 grandkids - all live in Anacortes! They are excited to get involved in the cruising program and enjoy the many social events the club offers. Please welcome Don & Kathy to the club!

### Art O'Neal



Anacortes Yacht Club lost a one of a kind member in December. Art O'Neal, a member since 2014, passed away after an accident at Cap Sante Marina. He was a free spirit who lived aboard his sailboat and for several years was responsible for our Reciprocal Dock. His firm handshake and his smile will be missed.

## Whatta Party! Whatta Race! RTC 2019

The second weekend in November sailors from across the region meet at Lydia Shoal to start the annual Round the County race hosted by Orcas Island YC. A two-day sailing event around San Juan Island County that serves to cap the end of the sailing season in the Puget Sound. But before the sailors do that, they come to Anacortes Yacht Club. For boats all around the Sound there is no better place to stop, provision the boat and assemble the crew than Anacortes. Some 40+ boats spent Friday night as guests of Cap Sante Marina, and they all came to Anacortes Yacht Club to party. Our club played host to about 120 guests for a "bell-ringer" of an event. Our Race Chair, Stephanie Campbell, held a televised Skipper's meeting, beamed to us from Orcas Island Yacht Club. Walt Meagher and Steve Hayes prepared a delicious \$5 Spaghetti & Meat ball dinner for the masses, complete with salad and garlic bread. Walt then turned around the next morning to get Sunshine Girl off the dock by 4:30AM! The turnout this year was fantastic and the AYC Bar was jumping! According to John Sanford the Rear Commodore, the bar makes as much in this one night as we do in an average *month*! "The best part is getting to see everybody again." Two shifts of bartenders were called in to cover the night; Gerri Gunn and John Wilkinson got the party started opening at 4:30pm, and Mike Bastrom and Steve Hayes came in to finish them off! Hats off to the numerous volunteers that evening that greeted our guests, took out trash, and filled in where they saw it was necessary. We can't wait to do it again next year!



## Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Toast to Mac the Knife!!

by Tom E. Norris, with apologies  
to Robert W. Service

*There are strange things done in dim  
Northwest sun, by the men who sail for  
speed;  
Salty race sails have their own secret  
tales, crews shout Starboard, and push  
in with greed;  
The racing fleet is a real wild beat, but  
the wildest in anyone's life,  
Comes from those who float on that  
Baltic Boat, commanded by Mac the  
Knife.*

Now Mac, ahoy! is a Northwest boy,  
from the Evergreen state he came;  
Went to WW U and U dub too, seeking  
fortune and seeking fame.  
To become a doc, he placed his stock, an  
orthopod they say—  
That's what he did, he made his bid,  
Doctor Madenwald got his way.

For wrecks, broken bones, healing up  
patient groans, to A-town he did move.  
With water so blue and great wind too,  
soon sailing became his groove.  
Bought Pangea late in seventy-eight, a  
sailboat to last all his life.  
A Surgeon in a Boat with his own white  
coat—Some call him Mac the Knife.

Going near, going far, chased the sail  
racing star, really made that boat go  
fast.  
Vic-Maui times three, Sidney Hobart  
with glee, forty years behind that mast.  
But he worked hard with bones, treating  
patients' bemoans, not playing all of the  
time.  
Yes, he did real well, this guy is swell, as  
you see from my little rhyme.

Not Iraq, nor Iran, but Afghanistan,  
volunteering his skills to help;

## Decking the Halls of AYC

December always brings our the decorater in all of us  
as we deck the halls of the clubhouse for the holidays.  
2019 was no different. Thanks to all who helped get the  
tree decked out and to Carol Herbert for donating new  
outdoor garland and lights. We even got our guests into the  
spirit.





(Mac, continued from page 3)

Six trips he made; he used his blade—  
in places that had no kelp.

He believed that he should use his  
skills to do good, make the world a  
better place.

Keeping balance in life, sometimes  
amid strife, life's more than a sailboat  
race.

Has two fine kids, also three  
grandkids, of which he is so very  
proud—

Will he teach them to race? Will they  
take a place, among the crazy sailing  
crowd?

When not sailing he skis, going  
downhill with ease, now moving past  
eighty good years.

He just likes to go fast, both now and  
in past, slow simply is not in his gears.

Loves to travel so far, by plane, train  
and car; the world is his oyster, I think!  
Seven continents done, yet he's still  
on the run—no challenge from which  
he does shrink.

He likes AYC, after one Vic-Maui, met  
Wendy in nineteen eight six.

Married two thousand and one, and  
they're still having fun, everything  
seeming to click.

I've said more than I planned, in this  
poem so grand, and it's now time to  
grab up your drink!

Let us offer a toast, to this man that  
we roast, great friend to us all I do  
think.

He is not slowing down, still a smile  
not a frown, showing us how to live  
life.

So now raise up your glass and shout  
out with brass, CONGRATS to our  
friend Mac the Knife!

## 2019 Land Cruise La Conner Lighted Boat Parade

Our 2019 Land Cruise celebrated the Christmas season with a dockside dinner to watch the annual La Conner Christmas lighted boat parade on December 7th at the La Conner Seafood and Prime Rib House.

All the stars aligned for a rain free evening. Twenty four members enjoyed meals of Fish and Chips, Beef Tenderloin or Vodka Rose Penne Pasta with an excellent view of the parade from either inside or outside on their deck. The parade, put on by the Swinomish Yacht Club, and joined by various other local yacht clubs started around 6:30 PM. There were approximately 34 yachts beautifully decorated with Christmas themes.

AYC members, Roxanne and Mike Bastrom brought "Keeper of the Stars" over for the evening and joined in after dinner with many of the AYC members at the Swinomish Yacht Club for festivities in their club house. (And Sandy Norris walked away with the grand prize raffle quilt!)

