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The Anacortes Yacht Club

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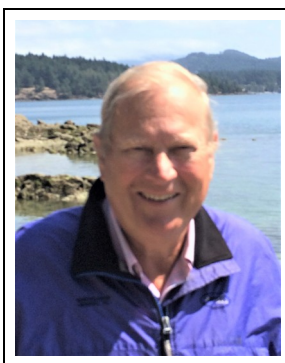
April Calendar

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The Clubhouse will be closed until further notice in compliance with the President's mandates in regards to the Covid-19 virus.

Events planned for March/April but now cancelled include:

- Anacortes High School Sailing Team
- High School Fleet Racing Championship on Fidalgo Bay
- General Meetings
- \$5 Dinner Night and Advertiser Appreciation
- Wednesday Night Buoy Racing
- Long Distance Racing
- Shakedown Cruise to LaConner
- Dave Thomson Sucia Island Cruise
- Chamber of Commerce "After Business Hours" at AYC
- Fidalgo Island Rotary Club (Tuesday AM Meetings)

Commodore's Corner



As you are aware, our clubhouse and sponsored activities are closed until further notice due to the COVID-19 crisis. We will reopen when the Skagit County Health Department and other government officials give the OK.

So ... what can we do as we await the beginning of boating season?

Our club has a Facebook page which has been managed by Stephanie Campbell with a focus on racing activities at the club. Its charter has been expanded to allow for posts by all AYC members. Please check the page out at

www.facebook.com/AnacortesYachtClub.

John Wilkinson suggested members check out the webinars available on the American Sailing Association website at www.asa.com.

This past Friday I watched the webinar on "Weather" presented by Peter Isler, internationally known sailor. Other topics are available.

John Sanford cleared the path for AYC members to get a discount at our local West Marine Store. Our West Marine account is "11521019"; show your AYC membership card to receive a discount. You are responsible for payment at check out. Discounts at LSF and Fisheries Supply were described in the March issue of the "Knot News".

Take advantage of "ZOOM" on-line conferencing services and have your own virtual cocktail party with friends. MarKay and I have utilized this service multiple times to keep in touch with family and friends.

We are all anxiously awaiting a return to normalcy in during this difficult time. Stay safe and plan to enjoy the waters of the Salish Sea in the near future.

Bob Neumann
AYC Commodore - 2020

New Preferred Members

Kent Morrow & Jeannie Lone
"Fat Cat" - Catalina 25'

Kent has been involved in the marine industry in Anacortes since 1992 and sailed to a National Championship in 2000 while at AYC. He has been involved with the Youth Sailing Program and his daughter Anna is a member of AYC as well. They are excited to get involved in the racing program and enjoy the many social events the club has to offer.

Kevin & Jordy Pratt
"Chatterbox" - Ranger 20'

Kevin and Jordy have been residents of Anacortes for 5 1/2 years. Kevin is the Community Boating Director for the AWA, Anacortes Waterfront Alliance, and lifelong boater with a USCG Master License. He enjoys one design racing and "pocket cruising" in the Inside Passage and Sunshine Coast. They are excited to get involved in the racing program and enjoy the many social events the club has to offer.

New Junior Member

Cassius Tossavainen

Cassius has lived in Anacortes his whole life. He began sailing with Parks and Rec during the summer and joined the AHS Sailing team in 2018. He has sailed with them for four seasons, and is the proud owner of a laser.

Please welcome all our new members to the yacht club.

-Callie Weber, Membership Chair

Boating Updates



Wednesday Night Racing 2014

Fortunately, our sailing season is only just beginning. Hopefully, we will be able to get our program started again though social distancing has just been extended another month. That's still just May, but many of us don't get much sailing before then anyway. Suggestions are requested, if you have ideas on

how to get us out there. Vince suggested we buy a new sail and anxiously await its arrival. I've seen Little Annie, Tiramisu, and Normandy enjoying some single handed sailing out in our bay. I've been hiking and biking carefully maintaining 6' plus separation. Stephanie's been cleaning her storage shed and organizing her trophies. Some single handed sailing too. Let's keep our spirit's up and stay safe.

-Tim Wenger, Race Chair.

Greetings Cruisers (waiting with bated breath). Unfortunately, due to circumstances that will go unmentioned, our Shakedown and Sucia Island cruises have been cancelled, taken off the calendar, given a burial at sea so to speak. Worry not, there are many good months of cruising ahead, not to mention other club activities that we all know and love, resuming in the near future. All the better reason to look to the weekend of May 23rd-25th for the Garrison Bay-Memorial weekend cruise (Garth and Marti Frazer cruise captains).



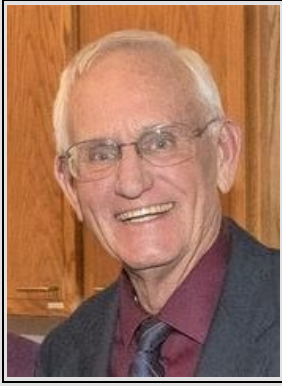
Sucia Island Cruise 2015

Please follow the club website and Action Alerts/Knot News for the latest news concerning club activities and opportunities to serve in our community.

A special thank you to Tom Decker and Nancy Wong (Shakedown) and Tom and Sandy Norris (Sucia Island). They put in hours of planning for these events and are disappointed, as we all are, that they will not happen. Please show some love next time you see them.

We'll see you on the water soon!

-Mike Bastrom Cruise Chair



George Newbury

October 20, 1944 -March 16, 2020

George ,75, died at home with his family, peacefully. He died of Interstitial lung disease.

Sailing was a lifelong passion of George and Mary. Some of their best trips were sailing from Seward, AK to Anacortes, WA with their two boys in 1997. They spent numerous winters in the Bahamas sailing on their friend's catamaran. The best trip was last January 2019 when they crossed the Atlantic Ocean from the Canary Islands to Barbados, on to Grenada and up to Bequia with good friends on a 39' Catamaran.

George was a sailing instructor for the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) for many years.

George and his wife, Mary celebrated their 25 years in the Anacortes Yacht Club at this year's Commodore's Ball.

His infectious smile and upbeat attitude will be greatly missed.

Our condolences go out to Mary and her family.

Ships Store Awaits

We've gone through our major maintenance checklist, fuel prices are the lowest since I recall, but what are we going to do next? Well, with the Canadian waters/borders closed to Americans for recreational purposes, just as are many of the Salish Sea business & marinas...I guess we get to go through our stash of clothes and supplies on the boat and at home too, which means this is the ideal time to think about what the Ships Store has to offer when we are able to open again.

First let me say that special orders are the name of the game. From Classic Long-Sleeve, Button-up Shirts, T-shirts, Sweat Shirts (1/4 zip or full zipper) XS to 3X, Sun Hats, Baseball caps or Visors. Want the name of your boat on your shirt, hat or other item in addition or instead? Prefer a different color? We can do that too!

There's plenty in stock too! When AYC reopens, check out our displays both up and downstairs. Something you would like to have but either the Ship's Store has never carried it or hasn't for quite some time, let me know

Two items you may have overlooked include:

- AYC logo stickers. We have them again in 2 sizes (4.5" x 5.75" and 6' x 7.75") at \$4 and \$5 each.

- Regular, blue (\$43) and XL red (\$55) Versa-brella umbrellas. The umbrellas are especially unique in that they not only offer UPF 50 sun protection, but also have a universal heavy clamp that adjusts to any angle with their 4-way, 360-degree swivel and 2 push button hinges that will clamp on to your boat rails or your dock chair. They, of course, sport the AYC logo.



Going forward, you can also pay using your credit card at the bar when AYC reopens or I can send you an online invoice for online payment.

If we don't have your color, size or desired product in stock, I can special order it. Just email me at suanns@me.com.

-Sam Stone, Ships Store