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August 2018

The Anacortes Yacht Club

Since 1891

August Calendar

Club open every Friday at 17:30

August 1,8,15,22,29 -Wednesdays
18:30 Buoy Racing

August 2,9,16,23,30-Thursdays
9:00 Yoga Stretch Class

August 3-6 Friday- Monday
Symphony Splash Cruise

August 10-Friday
17:30 Last Summer Potluck

August 11-Saturday
48th Annual Shaw Island Classic

August 12-Sunday
Private Event-club closed

August 13-20- Monday-Monday
Gulf Island Pub Crawl Cruise

August 17-19 Friday-Sunday
Northern Century Regatta

August 24-Friday
17:30-\$5 Dinner night



Commodore's Corner

From the bridge – Commodore's perspective as of July 31, 2018:

It is now the middle of summer cruising season so many members are enjoying the sunshine and warmth on their boats all over the northwest U.S. and into British Columbia.

It has been an interesting year in the racing program with so many changes from years past. Steph is trying out the idea of having a Taco Truck come to the club after races so we can see if it works for them and for us – should be fun and a lot easier than trying to get volunteers for every Wednesday evening. However, we really need more people to volunteer to bartend. You will need to go onto the web site and find the place to volunteer. Not too hard – even an old guy can figure it out!! In years gone by someone would call you to ask you to volunteer – that is no longer the case. Please take the initiative to go onto the web site and find a date to participate. We are all in this together!! We have also been trying out the idea of having starts based on GPS time and having boats take their own finish times, which so far has met with mixed reviews. It is a lot easier than getting volunteers to do the work involved.

The other really new item is the new “Regatta Network” web site for doing scoring, organizing larger regattas etc.. It has been difficult to use for us older guys and we do not get the same information on scoring as in the past. For example, we do not know exactly what the times differences are between boats on a race before and after applying handicap. Many other clubs in the northwest use this software so maybe we just need to get used to it. My understanding is that it like a service that we pay for on a per use basis rather than a fixed fee. In other news, we have had many fun Friday evening social hours and Wednesday after racing social hours. I will be meeting with Duane Knapp in the near future to discuss our “promise” which is like our brand, what we stand for, how we want people to think of us etc. He is quite well known for his expertise in this area and we are fortunate to have his help. His pay will be when some of us volunteer to take him out boating.

Upcoming cruises include, The Victoria Splash, Aug 3-6 and the Gulf Island Pub Crawl, Aug 13-20. Sounds like a lot of fun is coming up!!



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We have some cool races coming up during the next months, Summer around Shaw race (San Juan Island Yacht club) Northern Century, PITCH (Bellingham Yacht club). As you probably know, Northern Century started out as a 100 - mile double handed race (now double handed or fully crewed) around the San Juan Islands, starting in the evening in Fidalgo Bay then north to Point Roberts – west and south around Hein Bank then back to just off Washington park. Typically, there is breeze until Point Roberts then it slows during the day and you have to contend with Strait of Juan De Fuca currents at night often against you. But the trade-off is that summer night is beautiful and magical. There is now a 50 - mile race to Point Roberts and back to Washington Park which is easier to finish. Come give it a try!

In other news, AYC boats have not been participating in recent PITCH regattas possibly because a few years ago we went up and it blew around 65 knots for both days and we did not get in any races. I will be taking Sunshine Girl up for this year and I urge other AYC racers to do the same!! They do know how to party there!! And the racing is pretty great as well!!

-Your Commodore, Walt Meagher

Fourth of July Cruise



Twelve boats, along with their captains and crew celebrated the Fourth of July in Fisherman's Bay on Lopez Island. As with many AYC get together, food was a mainstay of the gathering. Boat chefs provided members with an abundance of delectable delights beginning with appetizers on arrival night, yummy goodies at the breakfast pot luck the following morning and delicious side dishes at the 4th of July pot luck.

Many completed the short walk to Lopez Village to visit the shops, browse the farmer's market or just eat a little ice cream. Memories were tested with the second annual AYC 4th of July trivia quiz. Guests, Steve and Sue Hallen took first place with Bill and Marcia Short taking a very close second. However, the "NO" game resulted in much frustration and laughter throughout the 4th of July. Ben Mikaelson proved very crafty in getting fellow members to say "no", with Norm Chapman in a distant second.

The gathering culminated with everyone enjoying the wonderful fireworks shimmering over the bay.

-Susan and Steve Wood, Cruise Captains



New Preferred Members

Tom & Dixie Jorgensen
“Valhalla” - Independence
Cherubini 45'

Tom and Dixie recently moved to Anacortes from Southern California. They have been sailing most of their life and have cruised extensively through the San Juans, Gulf Islands, Desolation Sound, British Columbia and Alaska to Glacier Bay. They have previously owned several J - Boats and cruised/raced in Southern California, Mexico and Hawaii. They are ready to go cruising with the club and enjoy the many social events the club offers. Please welcome Tom and Dixie to the club!

Jean Penney
“Hare Maru”
Cal 2-27

Jean has lived in Seattle since 1993 and moved to Anacortes in 2014. She is a past Member of the Sloop Tavern Yacht Club, Seattle Women's Sailing Association and Grapevine Sailing Club in Grapevine, TX. She has owned many boats, racing them in Texas and Seattle! She is excited to get involved in the racing program and go cruising with the club. Please welcome Jean to the club!

-Callie Weber, Membership

Langley Cruise

AYC cruisers had perfect weather for our recent cruise to Langley. A total of 9 boats and 2 asphalt cruisers attended.

Friday: Included an evening pizza party at the docks.

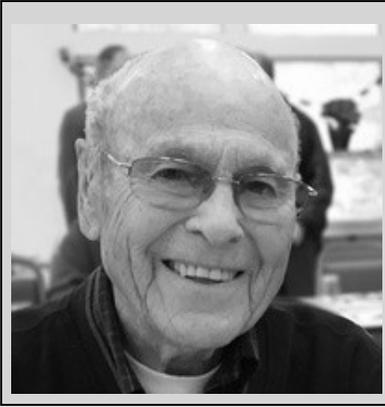
Saturday: In the morning we attended the Langley (Whidbey Island Fair) parade which was a typical small-town parade complete with costumes including a gorilla distributing bananas and a chicken (with chicken legs – you had to be there) distributing candy. The parade was only 30 minutes long which was perfect. For the remainder of the day, several cruisers attended the official Whidbey Island Fair. Others participated in the Art Party, which was basic oil painting instruction where we painted a beach scene and were able to keep our “artistic results”. Other cruisers explored the Langley shops, glass blowing, and/or enjoyed a nice nap on their boat.

Sunday: For breakfast Bob and MarKay Neumann showed us how to make “baggy omelets”. Everyone brought their own fixings and Bob and MarKay provided the instructions, eggs, baggies and boiling water to complete the official preparation of our omelets. The omelets were delicious and no one left Langley hungry!!

The Harbor Staff at South Whidbey Island Marina did a great job in making AYC welcome. We encourage all members to visit the marina when you have a chance.

-Connie and Mike Russell, Cruise Captains





*Richard "Dick" Smock
February 27, 1927 -
July 16, 2018*

After a long career in teaching, counseling and mentoring undergraduates, graduate students, exchange students from around the world, and most of his daughters' friends, Dick retired to Anacortes, WA. He and Laura spent 7 years living aboard their 33' sailboat 'Home' until moving to their current residence.

He loved getting to know his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, reading, working in his woodshop, traveling, and sailing from the San Juan Islands to Alaska. He was an active member of the Anacortes Yacht Club and the Senior Ukulele Ensemble.

(Excerpt from Legacy.com)

Dick and Laura were married 71 years! They joined the AYC in 1991 and have been long-time active members. Daughter Linda and John Seely joined in 2003.

We offer our most sincere condolences to Laura and family.

AYC and the City of Anacortes Fireworks Show

The Anacortes Parks and Recreation Department (APRD) is responsible for arranging the City of Anacortes Fireworks Display. Starting in 2013, Gary Robinson, APRD Director, contacted the Anacortes Yacht Club to help set the orange perimeter buoys. The purpose of the buoys is to keep the spectator boats far enough from the action not to take an errant rocket through a wheelhouse. I was Commodore at the time and the request represented one of those civic services ideal for the AYC. Further, we had the "old chase boat" up and running which made a good platform to set our orange racing buoys.

I met Gary at the head of P-Q Dock as our AYC chase boat was moored at the south end of our own dingy dock on Q Dock. Gary provided a Google chart with marks of about where to place the buoys. This was a good 24 hours prior to the event. The pyrotechnicians were at the time setting the works off from the beach south of Seafarers Park. On this first year, everything went quite smoothly with the marks set in the bay where indicated on the Google chart. Gary seemed to enjoy this brief outing quite a bit.

The exercise continued for the next couple of years enhanced when AYC acquired the Race Knight. One year, we found one yacht squarely anchored in the fallout zone. The challenge of this yacht was that it was anchored with long scope bow and stern anchors and the owner was nowhere to be found. (Gary was able to contact the owner later through State Registration, but he had no plans to return to his boat until days after the fireworks event.) It came down to me climbing aboard the yacht, a sailboat, and freeing the stern anchor line then transferring it to the Race Knight. There was a significant length of scope to the anchor. At the end of this first long pull was a 45 lb CQR. I then had to pull the bow anchor from the sailboat itself. The yacht had good but heavy ground tackle as another 45 lb CQR came up. With the yacht lashed to the side of Race Knight, we were able to maneuver the boat outside the danger area and then re-anchor the thing.

Another complexity arose when the fireworks were moved from the beach to a barge for the annual detonation. In addition to setting the parameter buoys, we were asked to bring in the pyrotechnicians following the display. The first year, many of the empty cardboard boxes containing the fireworks that had been set to one side on the barge caught fire providing an interesting diversion to simply hauling the techs ashore.

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Shipwreck Days Success!

On July 21st, the youth sailing program made over \$1700 at Shipwreck Day, thanks to the donations of old marine things to sell! Like last year, we had enough items to fill two side-by-side booths, and sold a lot of things.

Youth sailors helped to organize and price the items, pick up donated items from the Yacht Club, and man the booth all day, with help from coach Kent Morrow. Starting at 6am, they began to set up the booth and unloaded all of the items. After long hours, many stayed after Shipwreck Day ended to clean up and collect the left over items to keep for next year's fundraiser.

Many thanks to everyone who donated items and helped support youth sailing! We are going to put the money towards the new safety boat, as well as replacing some broken parts and lines on the sailboats before the upcoming high school racing season. This fundraiser was a great success, and we hope to do it again next year!!

Thanks,
The Anacortes Youth Sailing Team



Youth sailors (from left to right) Liam Patrick (outgoing senior), Emma Paul (junior), Carson Lindholm (junior) and Satone Haratani (senior) pose with one of their handmade signs.

Visiting Yacht Clubs to AYC

Cap Sante Marina is one of the Pacific Northwest's favorite moorages for weekend rendezvous. Bill Short, former Port Commissioner and AYC member, was instrumental in bringing many new amenities to Cap Sante Marina including party barges, outdoor games, and the temporary pianos at the head of "C & D" dock.

The Anacortes Yacht Club is benefitting this summer from the attraction of Cap Sante Marina and the many rendezvous being held there. In late July the Mukilteo Yacht Club visited our club and enjoyed \$5 dinner night (another innovation from Bill Short). The Port Townsend Yacht Club will be visiting our club on Friday, August 3rd, prior to attending the Arts Festival. We are working with the Swinomish Yacht Club to visit AYC on the Friday prior to the Oyster Run. Some of their members actually store motorcycles on their boat and hoist the bikes up on to dry land with the crane at Cap Sante. Members of these clubs have dinghy over to "Q Dock" to tie up to our dinghy dock while they are at our club, lots easier and more fun than walking over from "C Dock".

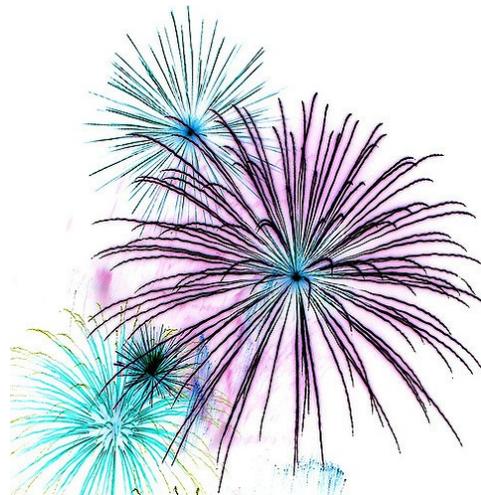
Visiting clubs provide the AYC great opportunities to extend our friendship and hospitality to the boating community.

-Bob Neumann

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Without the Race Knight in the water for this season, Commodore Walt Meagher swung by in Sunshine Girl to haul the technicians into Cap Sante Marina. Continuing the tradition of providing the maritime assistance, AYC has been a part of the Anacortes 4th of July fireworks display on the water from its inception.

-Steve Orsini



Kudos to AYC Sailors

Melges 24 World Championship

“Mikey,” owned by member Kevin Welch and captained by Richard Clarke, represented the AYC in the Melges 24 World Championships in Victoria, BC early in June. After 10 races over 8 days, Mikey took 5th out of 41 teams!

Congrats to Kevin and his team!
Way to make AYC look good.

Whidbey Island Race Week

The annual Whidbey Island race week was as exciting as ever but especially for the crews from AYC.: Stephanie Schwenk (Wild Rumpus), Greg Stewert (Avalon), Pangaea (Mac Madenwald), teddy bear (Gray Hawkins) and Crazy J (Chris White)

Wild Rumpus left the competition in the dust to take first in their division with Avalon tying for 2nd. Pangaea and teddy bear duked it out all week and the winner was not decided until the very last race. Pangaea emerged victorious with teddy bear taking a very close second also beating their competition by a comfortable margin.

Special honors went to Stephanie Schwenk who brought home the newly created “Molly Kool” award for outstanding woman skipper-an excellent choice. Congrats to Steph!

Wild Rumpus and crew even made the cover of the WIRW Sunday edition!

Check out all the news and results at https://yachtscoring.com/event_results_cumulative.cfm?eID=4546

Congrats to one and all and thank you for representing the AYC with such distinction..

AYC summer fun; In and Above the Water

Most of our AYC members are out and about enjoying a summer on the water. Two members, however, moored their boats temporarily to pursue other summer goals.



On July 12th our Past Commodore, John Wilkinson, joined three other mountaineers to climb to the summit of Mt. Baker. After departing base camp (6,000ft) at 1:30am they reached the summit (10,781 ft) by 8am. John took along an AYC burgee and proudly flew it

from his ice-axe for a picture with a distant backdrop of Anacortes and the San Juan Islands.

On July 15th our Treasurer, Dave Hansen, was one of a courageous dozen that participated in the annual Guemes Channel swim where these brave souls don wetsuits and swim from Anacortes to Guemes Island and back. This year, the swim was at 4:30am to catch a slack tide and minimal boat traffic.



All twelve swimmers successfully navigated the frigid waters. Dave and Chris are now touring on their sailboat and hopefully staying high and dry.

AYC members are an adventurous group of racers and cruisers and other pursuits so let us know your latest adventure and share it with fellow members.

-John Wilkinson