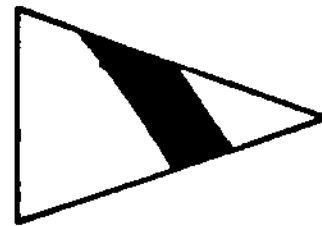


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DEDICATION (Article II F.H.S.C. By-Laws):

The purpose of this club shall be: To promote, advance, and encourage the sport of Corinthian or amateur sailing, particularly of yacht racing and cruising and racing facilities for its members; to hold and take part in sailboat races and regattas with other yacht clubs and associations and to cooperate and associate with them; to develop the friendship, sportsmanship and good fellowship of its members and the general public; to make more popular the yachting facilities of the San Juan area and utilize its possibilities; and to take part in and support other outdoor sports in the Pacific Northwest.

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2. Jim & Mary Kay Slocomb

12 April: 1. Sherman & Joan May
2. Bev & Fred Krabbe

10 May: 1. Jo & Al Bailey-Cummings
2. Dave & Mary Champlin

14 June: 1. Doug Mattoon/Sally Ledgerwood
2. Pat & Cynthia Hurley

12 July: Picnic 6 pm Turn Island (Bring firewood)

9 August: Picnic 6 pm Turn Island

13 September: 1. Pat & Brad Gislason
2. Tom & Karen Bogardus

11 October: 1. Rod Mager
2. Jack Mager

8 November: 1. Steve & Yvonne Swanberg
2. Cindy Hallmark

F.H.S.C. MEETINGS

The Friday Harbor Sailing Club meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the lower level of the American Legion Building. Meeting dates are listed above.

MEMBERSHIP LISTMEMBERS

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Gislason, Brad & Pat 5765 Neil Bay Rd. 378-4368	"Kapila"		

1983 RENDEZVOUS SCHEDULE

Jan. 1	New Year's Day Regatta (Hang-Over Cup)	July 15-17	Triple Cruise -1st day to Bedwell Harbor (Canada for Customs. 2nd day cruise to Cabbage Island, B.C. Provincial Park (oysters, fishing, etc.) 3rd day - Homeward bound.
Jan. 6	Jack & Jill Race (F.H.S.C.)	July 23 or thereabouts	Cruise - voyage to Barkley Sound, B.C. (west side of Vancouver Island) Contact Fred/Bev Krabbe (378-4442) for details
Feb. 19-20	Cruise Sat. & Sun. Sat. Nite Rendezvous at Fisherman's Bay (Lopez Island)	Aug. 5-7	Cruise - off to British Columbia for a cruise to Maple Bay.
Mar. 20	Spring Regatta Boothman Cabinets	Aug. 13 tentative	Race - The Shaw Island Classic Fun & race (S.J.I.Y.C.)
Mar. 25-27	Cruise/Race Cruise to Oak Bay (East of Victoria) for weekend of Thrash Regatta. 20 min. bus ride to Victoria.	Sept. 4	Hein Bank Race F.H. Businessmen, Race for the Merchants Cup.
Apr. 8-10	Joint Cruise w/S.J.Y.C. Orcas Island (Deer Harbor) Sat. Nite Dock Party, Banquet Sat. Eve. \$10.00 per person	Sept. 11	Summer's End (F.H.S.C.) Women skippers only
Apr. 17	Match Race F.H.S.C. sponsored by Gary Roberts of "Mandolin"	Sept. 17-25	1 week cruise to Indian Arm, Canada. After passage past urban Vancouver, sail to a primitive inlet much like Princess Louisa area. 1st Nite to Sucia so weekenders can join.
Apr. 23-24	Cruise/Race - Famous R.H.U.M.B. Regatta (Roche Harbor) Cruise to Roche for the festivities - Free beer on the dock Sat. Nite! Plan on dinner: Roche Harbor Restaurant	Sept. 25	Race - The Great Lemans Race (San Juan Canvas Company) Peter & Susan Risser
May 21-22	Cruise/Race The infamous Round Island Race. Racers & cruisers rendezvous at Snug Harbor for a Sat. Nite Beach Party		
June 11-12	The Barge Cup Race (San Juan Barge & Ferry Co.) Race for the Charlie Schmidt Memorial Trophy		
June 24-26	Race/Cruise - The Great Complete Circuit Race (The Electric Company) Reid Harbor, Stuart Island. Race begins Sat. morning. Cruisers head out Fri. or Sat. to rendezvous at Reid Hbr. for Sat. eve. B.B.Q. plus dingy competition. Cruise home Sunday.		

1983 RENDEZVOUS SCHEDULE

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The Fall Series:

Oct. 2 ... Race # 1
 Oct. 9 ... Race # 2
 Oct. 16 ... Race # 3
 Oct. 23 ... Race # 4
 Oct. 30 ... Race # 5
 Nov. 6 ... Race # 6

Major Northwest Race Dates:

Mar. 19-20 The Great Equalizer Race (Seattle Y.C.)
 Mar. 25-26-27...Thrash Regatta
 Apr. 1-2.....The Southern Straits Race (N.V.Y.C.)
 Apr. 23-25.....Rhumb Regatta
 May 28-29-30...The Swiftsure (R.V.Y.C.)
 Aug. 13.....Shaw Island Classic (S.J.I.Y.C.)
 Sept. 3-4-5....Pitch Race (Bellingham Y.C.)

Mariana	None	CT 41	X	Hoepfner	4.4	.5	4.9	Snug Hbr.
Merry Tom		Nonsuch 30	X	Gottfried	3.1	.3	3.4	F.H.
Moonshiner	59539	Newport 27	X	Mattoon	3.4	.05	3.45	Snug Hbr.
Naia VII	37370	Erickson 32	X	Champlin	2.9	.4	3.3	F.H.
Niord	None	Traveler 32	X	Blevins			3.6	F.H.
Old Crow	360	Thunderbird 26		Bryner	3.4	.15	3.55	F.H.
Passages	2	S-2 30	X	Hutchinson				Caprons Ldg.
Peregrine		Tartan 27		Huse				Everett
Pal Joey		40' pwr.	X	McDuckston				F.H.
Petrel III	79	Cal 25	X	Orvold	4.0	.4	4.4	F.H.
Precursor	785	Clipper 26		Swanberg	4.05	.2	4.25	F.H.
Psyche	279	Thunderbird		J. Mager	3.35	.10	3.45	F.H.
Salt Chuck	60	Columbia 21		Nash	4.5	.2	4.7	F.H.
Sea Witch	None	29 Monk Sloop	X	Bailey/Cummings			7.5	F.H.
Shawn Lee	None	Westerly 26		Smith	5.8	.4	6.2	Jensen's FH
Snow Goose		Baba 30	X	Froula				Anacortes
Sounion	415	Pilot 35 Sloop	X	McKillop				Jensen's FH

NAME	SAIL #	TYPE	VHF	CB	OWNER	PHRF FACTOR	CLUB	HOME PORT
Spadina	J - 230	7 Meter 36'			Dittmer			F.H.
St. Jude	41	Voyager 44	X		Hennen			Caprons Ldg.
Tatezi	None	Choy Lee 32	X		R. Mager	3.7	4.0	KDT
Teewinot	None	Yamaha 25	X		Welch	3.6	4.0	F.H.
Tess	US 290	Soling			Jewett	2.5	2.8	F.H.
The Sunapee	1675	Choy Lee 36	X		Meredith	3.2	4.2	San Juan
Tondelayo		Cascade 29			Schwedler			F.H.
Volcan	34796	Ranger 24	X		Marston	3.65	4.05	
Windigo	59165	Catalina 27	X	X	Ankersmit	3.3	3.3	KDT
Windsniffer	937	Tanzier 22		X	Sorenson	3.9	4.3	F.H.
Windsong	487	Erickson 27	X		Strickland	4.1	4.1	F.H.

NEW VESSELS

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F.H.S.C. ROSTER OF VESSELS

NAME	SAIL #	TYPE	VHF	CB	OWNER	PHRF	Q FACTOR	CLUB	HOME PORT
Alert	49444	C&C 34	X		Vynne	2.2	0	2.2	Brown Isl.
Altair IV	4	Monterey 32	X		Grey	5.35	0	5.35	Neil Bay
Barnstormer	SJ 28	San Juan 28	X		Barnes	2.75	.65	3.4	Snug Hbr.
Blue Eagle	59126	San Juan 28			Nash/Carlson	2.95	.70	3.65	F.H.
Candide	S	Santana 27	X		Moore	3.25	.1	3.35	F.H.
Celebration	1363	Cal 25	X		Dickinson	4.00			Caprons Ldg.
Galahad	CD 25	Cape Dorey 25	X		Bogardus				F.H.
Grasshopper	59473	J-30	X	X	Boothman	2.1	0	2.1	Caprons Ldg.
Island Trader	None	Coronado 35	X	X	Fricke				F.H.
Kapila		Sun 27	X		Gislason	3.75	.75	4.5	
Lucky Lady	59012	San Juan 28	X		Krabbe	2.85	.05	2.9	F.H.
Luptström IV	50	Catalina 25	X		May				Snug Hbr.
Lutra	None	38 Rhodes Cutter	X		Risser				F.H.
Mandolin		Fast Passage 39	X		Roberts	2.55	.85	3.4	KDT
Mbura	1228	Santana 22			Sobel	4.0	1.3	5.3	

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Rhumb Regatta

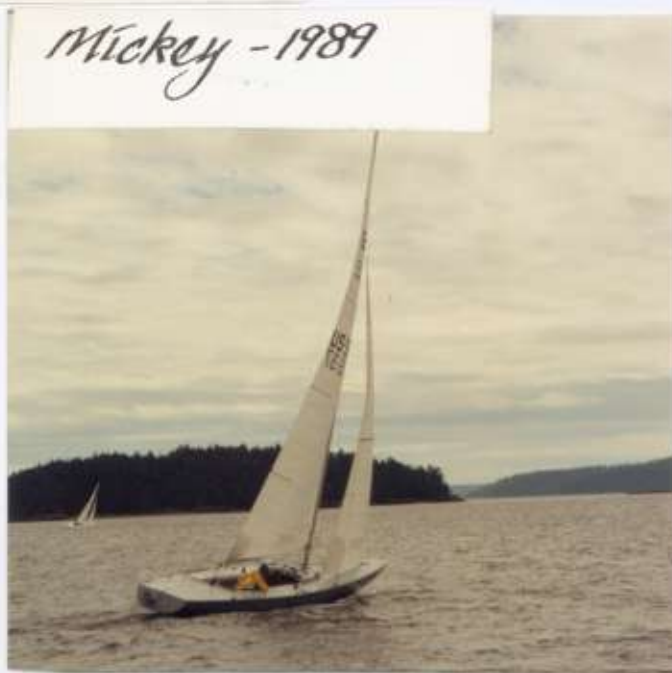
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The Boats...

Fall Series
Oct. 11, 25
Nov. 8, 22
Dec. 6, 13

"Mickey"
Marilyn-Fred Krabbe
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TAMI ASHCROFT'S "SABRA" 16



Mickey - 1989



Winter storm ~ Dec. 1990



Good day for racing, except for one thing

May 25, 1983

The anticipation of the Round-the-Island Race, widely heralded as the greatest spectator sailing race, was far greater than the act itself.

This is my fifth spring on San Juan, and I have missed the race each year. This was it this year—we would do it.

The start was typical of many here: 23 boats all jockeying for position at the line, the forward or backward motion provided by current only since the wind was nonexistent.

I had met with other skippers about 9 o'clock Saturday morning—all excited and "high" with the prospect of the nearly 20-mile run from Friday Harbor out through Cattle Pass and up the west side of the island to Snug Harbor for the first day.

We received three pages of instructions and two copies of charts for the course. Everything was so organized—except for the wind and not allowing more than seven hours for the first day's run.

At 9:30 the warning horn, and we were just raising sails in the harbor; 9:55 was the preparatory horn, 10 a.m. the starting horn. It didn't much matter, all the boats were drifting. Some caught a current and a tiny puff of air and were carried slowly over the starting line. Ramming was rampant, but it didn't do any harm as every boat could be pushed off easily with just one foot. We turned onto a starboard tack and after only 20 minutes crossed the starting line. But we weren't the last over—there were still a half-dozen boats behind us.

We all drifted casually over toward the abys and then back toward Brown Island—several times.

By noon we were halfway between Brown Island and Turn Island which meant we had gone about 1½ nautical miles. Supposedly near-slack water, the currents were doing strange things that included oodles of whirlpools. We were caught in one and did a complete 360-degree turn. The limp sails were useless as we

In the wake of the 'Witch'

Jo Bailey, Skipper of the Sea Witch



spun around.

Virgil Hennen in St. Jude hoisted his 1,000-square foot brilliant spinnaker and we visited back and forth as we drifted side by side. Other boats were gently carried past us, or we went past them, no rhyme or reason to much of it. We dropped a fishing line over the side.

Then another whirlpool and another—five altogether. We eased past Turn Island, Turn Rock light on our port side. It was 2:30 and we still had at least 16 miles to go by 5 p.m. There were boats up ahead by several miles, and some had actually gone through Cattle Pass.

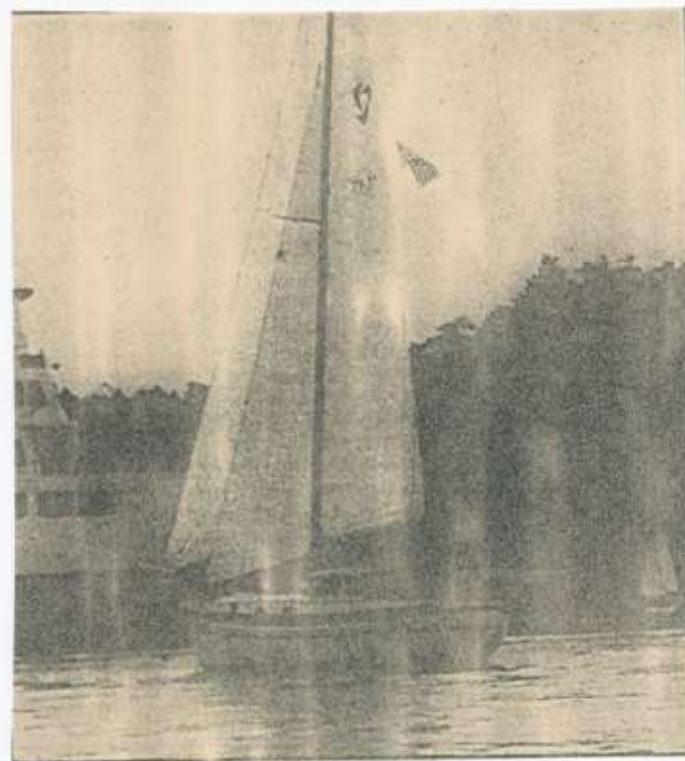
Looking out over the fleet, we could see engines had started and jibs were furled on deck as, one by one, skippers began to calculate the distance to go and hull speed and then came up with DNF. (That's a racing term meaning did not finish.)

We started up our engine and slowly headed back toward Friday Harbor. Within 10 minutes a beautiful wind came up and we had one of those glorious sails back home.

We found out later that evening at the party at Snug Harbor that no one had finished the Saturday portion of the race.

Sunday was a different story, and those who made it around Kellett Bluff and Limestone Point sailed a wonderful race back to Friday Harbor.

I can hardly wait for the Shaw Classic so we can drift around the islands in a group again.



Jo Bailey photo

The start of last year's Round the Island Race was not exactly one of the fastest, but once the boats got going they had good wind for the first day's sail to Snug Harbor. This year's race is Saturday and Sunday, with the Saturday start at 10 a.m.

Feb 2, 1983 Krabbe wins Orcas sail race

Lucky Lady, skippered by Fred Krabbe of Friday Harbor, won first place in the "heavyweight" division in the Bayhead Regatta Sunday at Orcas. Krabbe also finished first overall. First place in the lightweights went to Dick Slater, Orcas, in Ragged Edge.

Seventeen sailboats from Orcas and San Juan started the race under gray skies and moderate winds. But the weather soon changed after the close-hauled start near Orcas Landing. Sailors found themselves on the coast to Rosario sometimes, becalmed and sometimes rail down under bright sunshine with fluky winds, in what turned out to be a glorious spring-like day.

Stan Miller, Orcas, in Starfire, was second in the two-boat lightweight division.

Other finishers in the heavyweights were: second, Krist Martinson, Orcas, Scarlett O'Hara; third, Russ Nason, Orcas, Penobscot; fourth, John Conley, Orcas, Cara; fifth Rod Mager, Friday Harbor, Tetezi; sixth Steve Mason, Orcas, Kennel; seventh, Jo Bailey, Friday Harbor, Sea Witch; eighth, Mike Wareham, Orcas, Whiffier; ninth, Millard Martin, Orcas, Sea Otter; tenth, Ms. Roets, Orcas, Dorothy Mae; eleventh Bob Schoen, Orcas, Mia; twelfth, Jess Adams, Orcas, Folie; thirteenth, Lance Joyner, Orcas, Jezebel; fourteenth, Albie Myers, Orcas, in a Chris Craft 30.

Bill and Rudy Boyd manned their power boat, the Alice E, serving as committee boat, assisted by "anchorman" Rusty Russell.

The third Bayhead Regatta will start at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 27. Call Slater at 376-2895 or Boyd at 376-4387.

Mar. 16, 1983 Spring regatta coming Sunday

The Seventh Annual Spring Regatta sponsored by Boothman's Cabinets is slated for this Sunday, March 20. All sailors are invited to participate in this series of short races around the buoys.

Skippers' meeting is at 9:30 a.m. at the Friday Harbor port dock, with races starting about 10:30 a.m. near the entrance to Parks Bay on Shaw Island. For more information, call Gary Boothman at 378-2459.

Too much wind blows away sailing cruise

Feb 23, 1983

In the wake of the 'Witch'

Jo Bailey, Skipper of the Sea Witch



This is actually not the column I had planned to write for this week's Journal. I was going to write about the Friday Harbor Sailing Club's wonderful cruise to Fisherman Bay on Lopez this past weekend. But due to the vagaries of Mother Nature, the cruise did not happen the way it was supposed to—too much wind.

It might sound strange that rag-pickers held off on a cruise because of an excess of wind, but that's exactly what did occur—except for a couple of exceptions.

The cruise was to start anytime Saturday from Friday Harbor to Lopez—a distance of roughly four miles or so, depending on how often you have to tack to sail it. The Leonard Orvolds and Dave and Mary Champlin sailed over on Friday to await the rest of us. Fred and Peg Hoepfner left Mitchell Bay on Friday, over- nighted at Jones, and were to meet several of us in Friday Harbor for a little "race" to Lopez about noon Saturday.

"The best laid plans," etc., suffered a serious setback Saturday morning when an unexpected storm blew in from the south. In practically no time at all, anemometers right here in Friday Harbor were reading gusts of 40 to 50 knots

and more. Rain poured down.

I looked out to San Juan Channel from the top of the hill in town—it was a mass of frothing white waves. In an irrational moment of sensibility, we decided to postpone our departure for a couple of hours. That maelstrom didn't look like much fun. And the Hoepfners were out in it somewhere between Jones Island and Friday Harbor—beating right into it.

Sometime around noon we spotted their Mariana heading into the breakwater, heeling under bare poles, and, braving rain and wind, we ran down the dock to greet them.

"That was worse than going around Vancouver Island," Peg proclaimed, removing her wet clothes only to find her "dry" clothes had also gotten wet in the storm. They figured winds had been up to 60 knots

or more while they were making their way into harbor.

Those of us planning the trip came to the conclusion that maybe it might not be worth getting soaked and beaten about to go four miles to Lopez, no matter what fun we might find there. We re-thought our plans.

The cruise to Lopez ended up as a potluck at John and Louise Dustrude's house, and included cruise chairmen Peter and Susan Risser. "This place doesn't rock, and no one will have to check the anchor lines during the evening," John told us all. That sounded pretty good. The sailing club "cruise" was great. But we still haven't found out how the Orvolds and the Champlins survived the storm.

The same winds that can-

celed our cruise have been playing havoc in other ways since they started plaguing the islands a couple of weeks ago. Large boats have dragged anchor, small boats have broken loose and washed up on beaches, mooring lines have parted on larger boats.

We snapped a three-quarter-inch manilla line where it chafed through a bow chock on Roanoke in the middle of the night, and that did it for me. Next day, I gathered up canvas and seine twine and wrapped all the lines on both Sea Witch and Roanoke where they passed through chocks or other spots of chafing. Between both boats I figured I worked on a dozen lines but it only took about an hour and saved a lot of stressful hours during the blows.

Other boats have chafing gear on their mooring lines.

Some use plastic hose, or fire hose, or other tricks. Chapman, who generally has an answer for every problem, has a few words to say about chafing, and he claims it is "aggravated wherever a fitting has a rough surface to accelerate abrasion of the fiber. Even small nicks and scratches in a chick can damage a line by cutting fibers progressively, one at a time. Serious weakening of a line develops when it is forced to pass around any fitting with relatively sharp corners, such as a square bitt with only a minimum chamfering of the edges, especially when the bits are too small for the job they have to do."

Lines around bull rails on the docks also suffer from chafe. And sometimes the bull rails themselves are worn down from the mooring lines.

We're counting on constant checking and chafing gear to keep us safe at the dock during a blow—we'd hate to end up on the beach during one of these February—or any other time—storms.

And, the next sailing club cruise is set for the last weekend in March, Saturday and Sunday, March 26 and 27—weather permitting.

Great sailing and rowing races coming up

May 18, 1983

In the wake of the 'Witch'

Jo Bailey, Skipper of the Sea Witch



Remember the cliché, "Time flies when you're having fun"? All I can say is, it has sure been a fun year, because all of a sudden it's time for the fabulous "Round the Island Race" this coming weekend.

This race, termed locally "the greatest sailboat spectator race in the world," draws great numbers of people to vantage viewing points around San Juan Island as boats head out through Cattle Pass Saturday morning and then go northwest up the coast of San Juan Island to Mitchell Bay, about 19.6 miles if you could just go straight (instead of "rick-racking" as Owl calls it).

Good places to see the boats? Try Cattle Point at the DNR park, or maybe South Beach at American Camp. Farther up the island, drive the coast approaching Lime Kiln Light-house and then the County

Park, and then you are all at once at Snug Harbor on Mitchell Bay where a grand party will be held Saturday evening, with trophies for the day's race presented "about 7 o'clock." (Never believe sailors.)

On Sunday, this great race—sponsored by the San Juan Island Yacht Club—will resume at 9 a.m. Racers will keep Henry and San Juan Islands to starboard (on their

right) as they race up to Spieden Channel, then east through the channel and home to Friday Harbor. At the sailing club meeting the other night, someone said the currents would be with the racers, except for the last five miles. If the wind is blowing, no problem. If not, watch out.

Sailors from everywhere are invited to the PHRF race, with a skippers' meeting at the port of Friday Harbor office from 9

to 9:30 a.m., Saturday, May 21. That's also when you register—\$5 to cover costs of trophies. You can even pre-register if you want. See you there.

For those who have been waiting patiently to hear the results of the RHUMB regatta at Roche Harbor last month, I'll make it as . . . There were 32 boats all told, and Doug Hemphill in Rumors placed first in the A fleet. Bob Vyane, Alert, was second, and a Mr. Roay in Baglinreys, third. In B fleet, Mr. Shorter was first in Kila Kila, followed by Bill Carley, second, Cygnus, and Ed Life, third, Surt.

Friday Harbor Sailing Club

members who placed in A fleet were Gary Boothman, fifth, Grasshopper; Fred Krabbe, ninth, Lucky Lady; Eric Jewett, thirteenth, Tess. Doug Mattoon was sixth in B fleet in Moonshiner; Dave Strickland, seventh, Windsong; Steve Swanberg, tenth, Precursor; Dan Shull, fourteenth, Dorothea.

Now for the rowers. There is a great event coming up June 4, at all places, Blind Bay on Shaw Island. It's a rowing race to all over everywhere in the islands, and Steve Braun, now of Orcas, is in charge of the fun.

If you are a rower, be sure and be there for the First Annual Blind Bay Rowing Association Race, or something like that—10 a.m.

Steve also said the Round Shaw Row would be the same date as the Shaw Classic Sail Race, Saturday, Aug. 13. While the sailors start from Friday Harbor, the rowers will start from Shaw's County Park at South Beach. EVERYONE save the date.

Islanders in Swiftsure

Sunny Vynne of Friday Harbor isn't quite sure where he placed in last weekend's big Swiftsure sailboat race in Victoria, but he crossed the finish line just 2 1/4 hours after the overall winner. Bill Buchan in Sachem was winner of the annual race of more than 100 miles from Victoria to the Swiftsure light ship.

Vynne, skipper of the C-and-C-34 Alert, said it was a "slide out to the lightship under spinnaker and a slide back in." They completed the race in 28 hours. Vynne's was apparently the only island boat in the race

this year. **June 1, 1983**

Crewing for the Brown Island skipper were his son John, Bellevue; son-in-law Greg Fenton, Kingston; Gary Roberts and Walt Koertge, Friday Harbor; Jim Frank, Bellevue; and Steve Maloof, Bainbridge Island.

Other islanders who sailed in this year's race included Jack Mager and Marilyn O'Conner, Friday Harbor; Wally Gudge, Ian Wareham, Sid Karnikis, Wally Lum and his daughter, Andrea, Orcas, all aboard the Mistress II out of Everett. Dave Merner, Friday Harbor, crewed on Magic Carpet.

July 20, 1983

Wind, currents slow Benson Cup Race

Nine boats finished out of the 22 that entered the Orcas Island Yacht Club's annual Benson Cup race around Waldron Island on Sunday.

The race, which was a benefit for Children's House on Orcas, raised \$250 from three donations. It was a beautiful day with good wind at the start, but the wind died down and the current took over,

preventing most boats from finishing. The first five in order of finish were Gary Boothman, Friday Harbor, in Grasshopper; Syd Karnikis, Orcas, Paper Clipper; Wally Lum, Orcas, Alegrals; Jim Cardinell, Orcas, Perseverance; and Steve Swanberg, Friday Harbor, Lucky Lady.

Corrected time winner was

Cardinell, followed in corrected-time rankings by Boothman, Karnikis, Lum, and Swanberg.

Five boats hung on despite the currents to struggle across the finish line after 10 p.m. that night.

As a "thank-you" to the participants, Children's House prepared tasty snacks for each boat.

June 8, 1983

More locals in Swiftsure

Sunny Vynne's sailboat, Alert, was not the only boat from the San Juans entered in Swiftsure Race over Memorial Day weekend. Chaos, owned by Wally Gudge, Orcas, also sailed the race, with Ian Wareham as skipper.

Crew on Chaos, in addition to Gudge and Wareham, included Gretchen Gudge, John Guzzwell, Jeff Hegre, Colin Baden, Sid Karnikis and Betsy Wareham, all of Orcas, and Dan Harrah, Mercer Island.

Betsy agreed with Vynne that the race was probably the fastest and easiest Swiftsure, but she said the Chaos crew did have their own share of excitement.

"We blew out the three-quarter-ounce spinnaker, replaced it with a one-and-one-half-ounce spinnaker, and five minutes later broke our steering," she said. "We did manage to get everything under control and finish the race easily, but needless to say our two breakdowns cost us too much time to put us in contention."

It's almost here again: the Shaw Island Classic

The most frustrating and fun sailboat race ever invented is due again next month—the Shaw Island Classic.

The 13th annual Shaw Classic will be Saturday, Aug. 13. It usually draws more than 150 racers and cruisers from all over the northwest, vying to circumnavigate Shaw Island in the seven hours allowed for the 14-plus miles.

It's a frustrating race, because currents in the San Juans are sometimes totally unpredictable, and at other times always against the boats, or so it seems. Winds are fluky, nonexistent, or gale force.

It's fun, because of the tremendous camaraderie, especially as boats drift aimlessly about, caught in currents in Wasp Passage. There is time to visit, sing, swim, and relax while waiting for a current change or a whisper of wind.

The Round Shaw Row, held

In the wake of the 'Witch'

July 6, 1983 Jo Bailey, Skipper of the Sea Witch



the same day, provides more excitement as rowers, singly or in groups, sweep past the sailors, often beating them around the island.

The Shaw Classic is sponsored by the San Juan Island Yacht Club, with Ed Carlberg race chairman this year.

This year there are seven classes of racers, based on the PHRF system but with modifications to suit race conditions in the islands. The course starts at a 0.2-mile-long line between the UW Friday Harbor Labs saltwater-intake structure and a committee boat carrying a yellow flag

anchored south-southeast of the intake structure.

Race rules

Some of the race rules are:

- Ferries always have the right-of-way.
- Engines may be used to help another vessel in distress or make way for a ferry.
- No free-flying sails.
- Pushing off rocks is allowed.
- Entrants must identify their boats to the committee at both the halfway mark and the start and finish lines.
- All competing boats must fly their color identification ribbons throughout the race.

The race committee will decide which class each boat is in, and the registration form and \$5 must be turned in to the committee between 8 and 10:30 a.m. on race day on the Friday Harbor breakwater.

Classes

Classes are:

1. Orange ribbon, Horton Trophy, for unballasted center-boarders.
2. Green ribbon, Diamond Head Trophy, for modern and fast cruiser-racers.
3. Yellow ribbon, San Juan County Bank Trophy, for

modern and medium-fast cruiser-racers.

4. White ribbon, Shaw Island Classic Trophy, for modern and medium-speed cruiser-racers.

5. Blue ribbon, Sea Fever Trophy, for cruiser-racers, modern rig, slower.

6. Red ribbon, Peniel Trophy, for strictly classic cruising boats.

7. No color, Multihull Trophy, for multihull boats.

Winners of the first three finishers in each class will be announced in the Port of Friday Harbor parking lot as soon after 6:30 p.m. on race day as possible.

For more information call Carlberg at 378-5552 or write to him at 1471 Smugglers Cove Road, Friday Harbor 98250.

Aug 24, 1983

Fast row around Shaw

Craig Goring of Friday Harbor finished first in the Aug. 13 version of the Round Shaw Row, and he did it in a remarkable two hours and 13 minutes. That was, unfortunately, one minute short of the record set the year before by Nancy Blakemore. Even so, he averaged 5.33 knots in his Garden-designed shell, and that's a mighty good speed according to Don Cameron, race organizer.

There were 41 boats altogether in the annual row which is held the same day as the Shaw Classic, but it starts from the county park on Shaw Island.

There is another row coming up this weekend, Saturday, Aug. 27, from Alki Point to Winslow—just half the distance of the Round Shaw Row. Interested rowers should call Kent Miller on Bainbridge, 842-6413 or 842-5047.

The Le Mans: a fun sail race

Sept 21, 1983

By JO BAILEY

You don't need your Porsche to enter next Sunday's Le Mans race—in fact, you might ruin your vehicle if that's what you use. This race is for wind machines.

This is the third annual Le Mans sailboat race sponsored by the San Juan Canvas Co. right in Friday Harbor, and it's designed strictly for fun, even adding a little more athletics than the usual involved in sailing.

Here's the plan:

Boats will anchor in Beaverton Bay—between the port dock and the U.W. Labs. The committee boat, Lutra, owned by Peter and Susan Risser of the Canvas Co., will be anchored so contestants can anchor in clusters around her.

One crew member from each boat will row the ship's dinghy to the committee boat, where sealed envelopes specifying one of four previously announced courses will be distributed.

At the starting signal, crew members will row to their vessels, weigh anchor, and sail the designated course. Sails may be hanked on but not hoisted until the crew member with the instructions is back on board.

Then sail the race. Detailed instructions will be available all this week before the race at the Sail Loft (San Juan Canvas Co.) on Front Street.

To finish, boats must return to the starting area, anchor, and a crew member must row back to the committee boat, where finish times will be taken. Race deadline is 5 p.m.

After the race, San Juan Canvas will host a potluck dinner at the Sail Loft at 6 p.m. You don't have to sail the race to come to the potluck.

Everyone may enter, whether members of the Friday Harbor Sailing Club or not. No entry fee will be charged, and PHRF ratings will be used.

Other details:

1. You can't better your position by using your engine.
2. Dinghies may be towed or carried on board, but must complete the course with the racing boat.

3. Finish is a line between the cantilever at the Labs and the outside of Brown Island, and must be reached before boats may re-anchor. Boats must

anchor under sail and a crew member must then row to the committee boat for the finish.

Depending on the wind, one of the following courses will be chosen (but stop in and pick up the complete skinny):

1. Low Island, 6.7 miles.
2. O'Neal Island, 12.5 miles.
3. Reid Rock, 2.3 miles.
4. Upright Channel, 14.8 miles.

The Friday Harbor Sailing Club fall series officially starts on Oct. 2. More information on that later.

There may be a fall regatta for dinghy racing sponsored by the Colonial Cobbler. We'll keep you informed.

Dinghies pull sailboats in Sunday's LeMans race

Sept 28, 1983

The LeMans Race on Sunday was all it was supposed to be—and more. There was sunshine, light-to-nonexistent wind, strong currents, and lots of rowing.

Samantha Bryner in Old Crow was first overall and first place winner, as she sailed her Thunderbird in fine fashion.

At the start, dinghies from each of the entries, manned by a crew member, rowed away from the committee boat back to their own anchored vessels. Once the crew member was on board, sails and anchors were hoisted so the boats could sail the course specified.

But, there was no wind, so a crew member from just about every boat jumped back into a dinghy and began towing the larger boat out of Beaverton

Bay in search of the breeze. Those on board a passing ferry found the flotilla of sailboats being towed by dinghies a curious sight.

Once the wind piped up, the boats began sailing for the mark, Turn Rock, and those who passed inside the rock chose the correct way to go around it, and then headed back for home.

The Flying Scot, Woodwind, owned by Ken and Marianne Wood, came in second. Third place was Dawn Wind, Mike and Dawn Anderson; fourth was Sea Witch, Jo Bailey; fifth, Sharon L. Miles and Louellen McCoy, Orcas.

The race was sponsored by San Juan Canvas Co., with Peter and Susan Risser manning the committee boat, Lutra.

Get ready, racers.

Scrub those bottoms, check the rigging, mend the sails, make sure there are life preservers, warm clothes, and hot coffee on board—it's time for the Fall Series.

The Friday Harbor Sailing Club, which came into being less than five years ago, is gearing up once again for an active and fun fall, with five Sunday races for all comers.

Races will be on Oct. 2, Oct. 9, Oct. 23, Nov. 6, and Nov. 20. Final standings will be based upon the four best scores, which allows for one race to be missed or thrown out.

Any boat with a PHRF rating is eligible, and if you don't have that, get an application and registration information from Fred Krabbe, commodore.

There will be two classes, racing and cruising. Boats with a zero to 3.65 rating will be Class A (racing), and boats with a 3.7 and higher rating will be Class B (cruising). Trophies for first, second, and third will be awarded in each class.

Registration will take place between 9 and 10:30 a.m. on the morning of the first race, Oct. 2. Finish times will be taken for registered boats only; boats not registered will not be allowed to race on a come-as-you-may basis. Registration fee is \$10 for FHSC members

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In the wake of the 'Witch'

Jo Bailey, Skipper of the Sea Witch

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and \$15 for non-members.

All USYRU rules will govern races except for local variations, which are listed on the information sheets. The local rule I didn't know about the first year I raced was that you can use your engine to stay reasonably clear of rocks or other dangers. Also, any boat damaging the committee boat will be held liable for the damages—good.

There will be seven courses used, to be picked depending on winds, and the course "number" will be posted on the committee boat for each race. Starting time for each race is 11 a.m., with 4 p.m. finish times. Starting and finishing line will be between the black buoy in Friday Harbor and the committee boat, anchored just off Brown Island.

Now you know all about the races. Call Fred at 378-4442 evenings for pre-registration.

Orcas Yacht Club races

Sept 28, 1983

The first race of the Orcas Island Yacht Club fall series was canceled when the wind failed to cooperate on Sunday, and boats drifted aimlessly about West Sound with the currents.

The second race is set for this Sunday, Oct. 2, in West Sound, with the start opposite Victim Island, and a choice of four possible courses.

Third race is the Deer Harbor Slalom on Sunday, Oct. 16. This is a course of figure

eights around Yellow and McConnell Islands with the start off Fawn Island. Last race in the series will be back in West Sound on Sunday, Oct. 30. All races begin at 1:30 p.m.

There will be a make-up race, possibly on Oct. 9.

Boats must have a PHRF rating for eligibility, pre-registration is requested but not demanded, drop-ins are welcome, and there is no registration fee. For more information call Bill or Rudy Boyd at 378-4357.

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The wind won't cooperate

Fall Series racing in the San Juans was pretty slow this past Sunday—no wind.

The Friday Harbor Sailing Club's first series race never even started, as 17 sailboats drifted around the harbor waiting for enough wind to sail. It never arrived.

The Orcas Island Yacht Club's second race in their fall series did just a bit better, after the race was shortened to 1.6 miles around the buoys in West Sound.

First place went to Dick Slater, Ragged Edge; second, Krist Martinson, Scarlett O'Hara; third, Stan Miller, Starfire; fourth, Bill Sutton, Paper Clipper; fifth, Bob Vietzke, Alcazar; sixth, Millard Martin, Sea Otter; seventh, Jesse Adams, Folie.

Only two finish Bay Head race

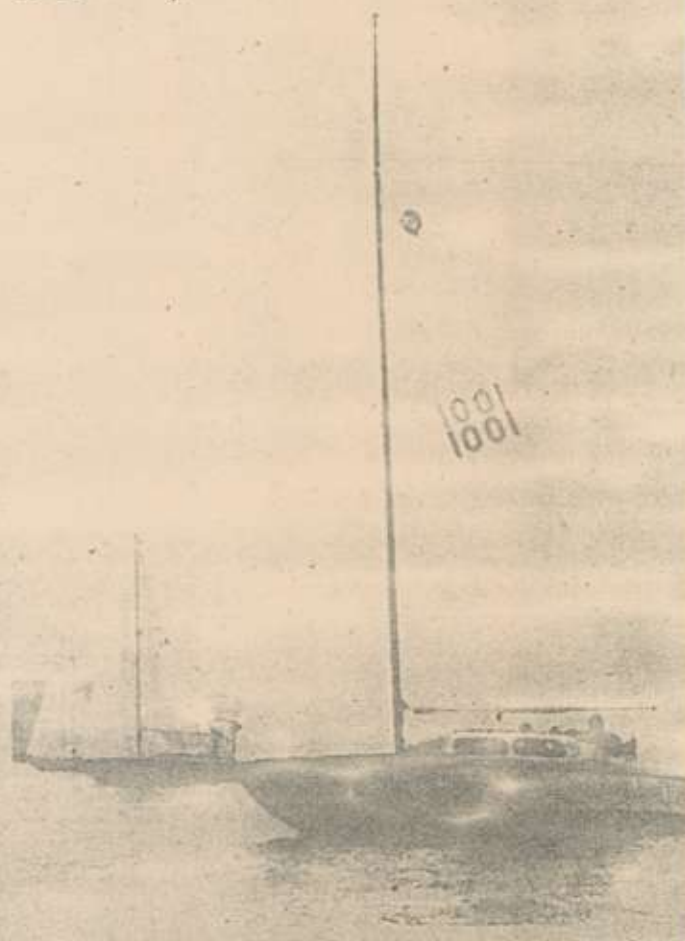
Nov 30, 1983

Only two sailors finished the first race in the Bay Head Regatta Nov. 27, when light winds refused to cooperate with the 11 other competing boats. Steve Swanberg, Friday Harbor, finished first in his San Juan 28, currently named the Corsair. Wally Lum, Orcas, was second in his Soling Alegrais.

The race began at Grindstone Harbor, went around Willow Island and Blakely Shoal and back to Grindstone.

Next race in the three-race regatta will be the last Sunday in January.

Oct 19, 1983



Peter Fromm photo

Sail away!

It's been light airs during the fall series of races in Friday Harbor, but the sailors are still trying. At right is Thunderbird, Skye, owned by Pat and Cynthia Hurley Friday Harbor. The middle boat is Dragon Flight with Tom Cowan, Lopez, at the helm.

Sailing
 Nov 16, 1983
race results

There was just about every kind of wind and weather in the latest San Juan sail race, including a couple of groundings on the rocks south of Yellow Island. Winds were non-existent to gusty, with rain and sunshine as more than a dozen boats raced Nov. 6 from Friday Harbor around O'Neal Island, passed Low Island to starboard and back.

Gary Boothman in Grasshopper placed first in A fleet, followed by Sunny Vynne in Alert, second, and Wally Lum, Orcas, third, in his Soling.

First in B fleet was Walt Koertge, Mambo, with second place going to Dave Strickland in Windsong and third to Pat Hurley in Skye.

The last two races in the series are this Sunday and Sunday, Dec. 4, which is also the sailing club's Christmas party date.

Fall Series race results

Dec 7, 1983

The Fall Series is over for the Friday Harbor Sailing Club, and Sunny Vynne's Alert is the overall winner as well as the winner in the A Fleet. Sunny and his son Bob shared skippering chores.

Winner in B Fleet was Skye, Pat and Cynthia Hurley's Thunderbird.

The order of the rest of A Fleet was: second, Corsair, Steve and Yvonne Swanberg; third, Wally Lum, Orcas; fourth, Grasshopper, Gary Boothman; fifth, Chaos, Ian and Betsy Wareham, Orcas; sixth, Tess, Roy Jewett; seventh, Serena, B. Halliday.

Following Skye in B fleet were: second, Windsong, Dave Strickland; third, Old Crow, Samantha Bryner; fourth, Mambo, Walt and Janet Koertge; tie for fifth, Dragon Flight, Tom Cowan, Lopez, and Aerarius, Dan Berg; seventh, Aquarius, Don Craddock; eighth, Precursor, Bill Matheson; ninth, Rainbird, Lee Brewer; and tenth, Dolce, Greg Mullen.

In the final race of the season on Dec. 4, Alert was first in A Fleet, followed by Chaos and Grasshopper. Windsong was first in B Fleet with Dragon Flight and Skye taking second and third place honors.

LeMans sail race set for Sunday

The annual LeMans Race for sailboats will be Sunday, Sept. 30, starting in Beaverton Bay (between the port docks and the labs) in Friday Harbor. The race is sponsored by the Friday Harbor Sailing Club and San Juan Canvas Co.

The race is open to any sailboat and will use the PHRF handicap system. Boats should be in the bay after 9:30 a.m. The race will start at 11 a.m.

After the race, the canvas company will host a potluck dinner in the sail loft beginning at 6 p.m. Bring dishes and utensils along with food. For more information, call 378-4119.

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