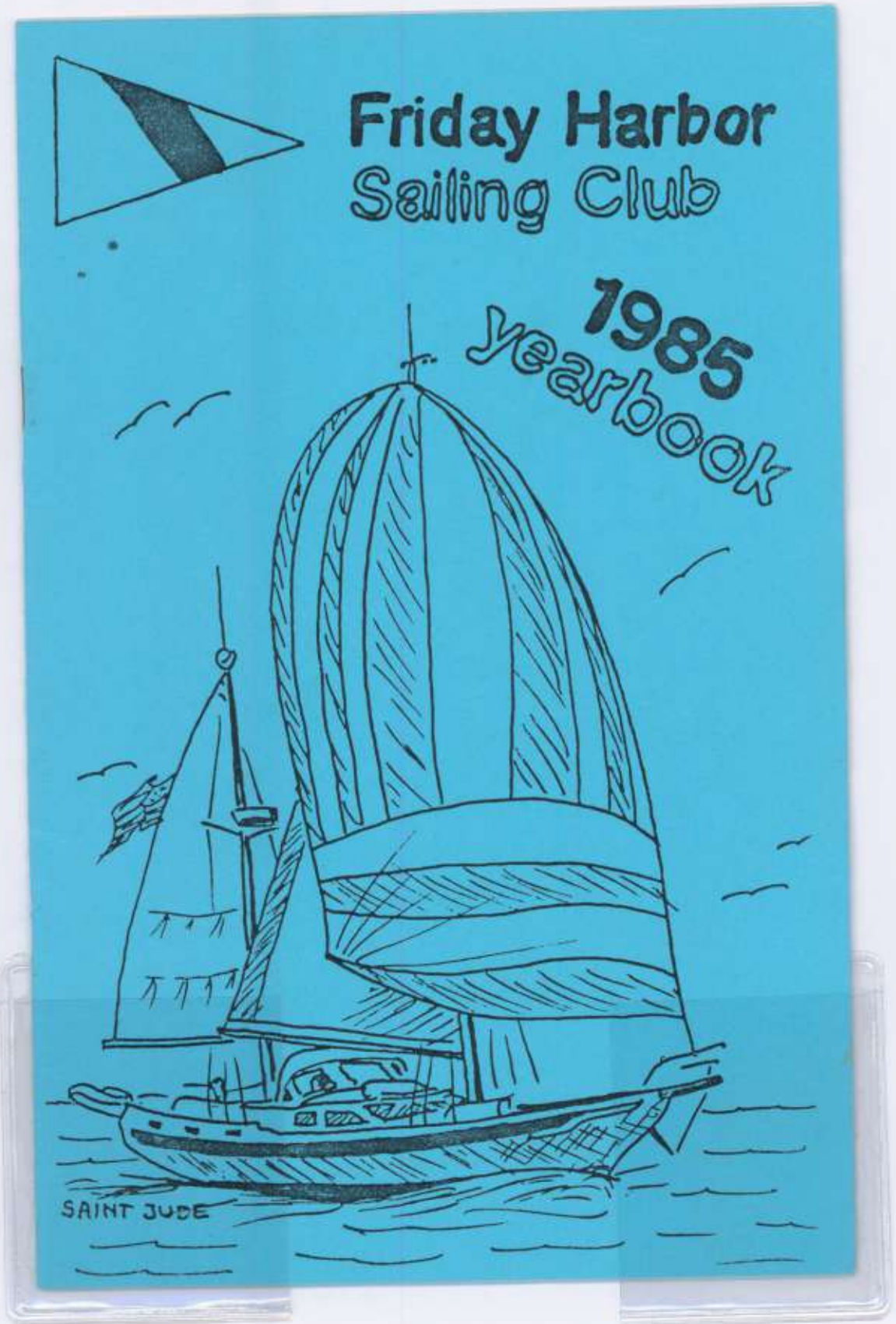
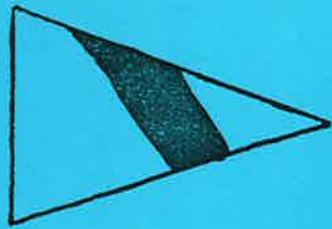


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# Friday Harbor Sailing Club

## 1985 yearbook



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Tom & Karen Bogardus  
P.O. Box 1268  
Friday Harbor, WA 98250







# *Friday Harbor Sailing Club*

P. O. Box 62 • Friday Harbor, Washington 98250

PURPOSE (Article II, 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.

# FRIDAY HARBOR SAILING CLUB

1985

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## OFFICERS

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Vice Commodore. . . . . Peter Risser  
Fleet Captain. . . . . Bill Matheson  
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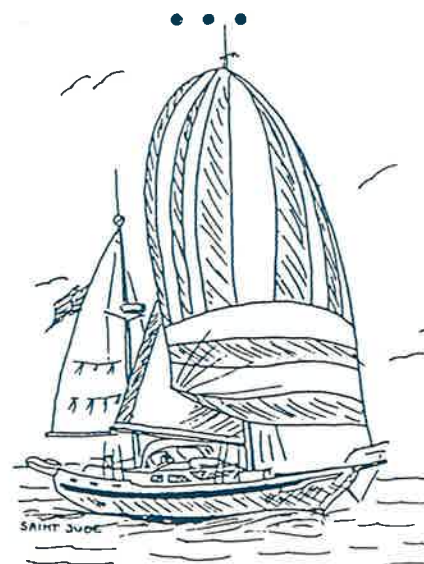
Publications. . . . . Jo Bailey Cummings  
Program Director. . . . . Peter Risser  
Handicap. . . . . Bill Matheson

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## FRIDAY HARBOR SAILING CLUB MEETINGS

The Friday Harbor Sailing Club meets the SECOND TUESDAY of each month at 7:30 PM in the lower level of the American Legion Building. Meeting dates are listed below:

JUN 11 - Picnic - Turn Island - Friday Harbor  
JUL 9 - Picnic - Turn Island - Friday Harbor  
AUG 13 - Picnic - Turn Island - Friday Harbor  
SEP 10 - Pot Luck Dinner Meeting 7:00  
OCT 8 - Pot Luck Dinner Meeting 7:00  
NOV 12 - Business Meeting 7:30  
DEC 10 - Gala Christmas Meeting and  
Pot Luck 7:00



1985 RENDEZVOUS SCHEDULE

- JUN 8 - "HEIN BANK REGATTA"  
Sponsored by P/C Steve Swanberg  
Swanberg Insurance Agency.
- JUN 15 - "BARGE CUP RACE"  
Always a great event.
- JUN 20-21 - Club Cruise to Sucia Island.  
Details to be announced.
- AUG 10 - "SHAW ISLAND CLASSIC", sponsored by  
The San Juan Island Yacht Club.
- SEP 29 - "THE GREAT LE MANS RACE", sponsored  
by Peter and Susan Risser  
San Juan Canvas Company.

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FALL SERIES

*(Call Fleet Captain Bill Matheson for details)*

- OCT 6 -
- OCT 13 -
- OCT 27 -
- NOV 3 -
- NOV 17 -
- NOC 24 -

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FRIDAY HARBOR SAILING CLUB ROSTER

- BAILEY, JO, Al CUMMINGS 378-5111 "SEA WITCH"  
P.O. Box 425, F.H. (Power) "ROANOAK"
- BOGARDUS, Tom & Karen 378-4942 "GALAHAD"  
P.O. Box 1269, F.H. S#59473
- BOOTHMAN, Gary 378-2459 "GRASSHOPPER"  
P.O. Box 255, F.H.
- BORSCHER, Hans & Anne 378-2763 "ODIN"  
735 Harbor St., F.H.
- BOWERS, Glen & Mary Ann 378-2239 "CHINA DOLL"  
231 Warbass Way, D-107 F.H.
- CARTER, Loyd & Joy 378-5766 "ADLIB"  
1640 Port Drive, F.H.
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5830 Neil Bay Rd. F.H.
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745-B Larsen, F.H. 378-2509
- DUTHIE, Larry & Roz 378-4015  
755 Argyle Street, F.H.
- EVANS, Bill 378-5760 "TEMPEST"  
P.O. Box 928, F.H. S#E-6
- FRICKE, JIM 378-2509 "ISLAND TRADER"  
295 Tucker Ave. F.H.
- FROULA, Dave & Donna 378-5782 "SNOW GOOSE"  
P.O. Box 1411, F.H.

ROSTER (Continued)

GISLASON, Brad & Pat 5765 Neil Bay Rd. F.H.	378-4368	"KAPILA"
GOTTFRIED, Joan 1961 Smugglers Hill Rd. F.H.	378-4228	"MERRY TOM"
HENNEN, Virgil & Judy P.O. Box 1416, F.H.	378-5656	"SAINT JUDE"
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JOHNSON, Bear & Mitzi 1288 Black Rd. F.H.	378-5442	"CITY ZOO"
KRABBE, Fred & Bev P.O. Box 644, F.H.	378-4442	"ISLAND EXPRESS"
LAWRENCE, Gary & Carole 620 Warbass Way, No.2 F.H.	378-	"RAVEN"
MAGER, Jack & Julie 1641 Oaks Place, F.H.	378-4401	
MAGER, Rod P.O. Box 774, F.H.	378-4120	"TATEZI"
MARTIN, Rod & Jan 2027 Fir Lane, F.H. <i>(Jan is daughter of Dave &amp; Mary Champlin)</i>		
MATHESON, Bill & Lois 2277 Mitchell Bay Rd. F.H.	378-2556	"PRECURSOR"

ROSTER (Continued)

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NASH, Charles & Betty P.O. Box 93, F.H.	378-2995	"SALTCHUCK" "BLUE EAGLE"
NICHOLS, Bob P.O. Box 124, F.H.	378-2931	"NICHOLSWORTH" <i>(Power)</i>
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ROSTER (Continued)

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<sup>DAVE</sup> STRICKLAND, & Pam Murray P.O. Box 86, F.H.	378-4458	"WINDSONG"
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• 1985 BOAT DIRECTORY •

NAME	SAIL NO.	MAKE	OWNER	PHRF	"Q"	PORT
ADLIB	---	Erickson 27	Carter	3.60	---	Friday Harbor
ALCOR	US 384	Etch. 22 OD	Vynne	1.95	---	Brown Island
ALERT	49444	C & C 34	Vynne	2.2	---	Brown Island
BLEW BY YOU	---	Newport 28	DeFilipps	3.2T	---	Friday Harbor
BLUE EAGLE	59126	San Juan 28	Nash	3.0	---	Friday Harbor
CANDIDE	S	Santana 27	Moore	3.25	---	Friday Harbor
CHAK CHAK	---	Owner Built	Sheldon	---	---	Friday Harbor
CHINA DOLL	---	CT-41	Bowers	4.4	---	Friday Harbor
CITY ZOO	---	Vega 27	Johnson	---	---	Friday Harbor
CORSAIR	59012	San Juan 28	Swanberg	2.85	---	Friday Harbor
CYGNUS	B25	Bahama 25	Seaman	---	---	Friday Harbor
DOROTHEA	3	Nor Sea 27	Shull	4.65	---	Friday Harbor
EVENTIDE	H415	Swan 36	Saylor	1.44	---	Friday Harbor
GALAHAD	25 CD	Cape Dorey 25	Bogardus	4.5	---	Friday Harbor
GRASSHOPPER	59473	J-30	Boothman	2.1	---	Capron's Land.
ISLAND TRADER	---	Coronado 35	Fricke	3.3T	---	Friday Harbor
ISLANDER EXPRESS	---	Bayliner 32	Krabbe	-0-	-0-	Friday Harbor
KAPILA	---	Sun 27	Gislason	3.75	---	Friday Harbor
LUFTSTROM IV	50	Catalina 25	May	3.6	---	Snug Harbor
LUTRA	---	Rhodes Cutter 38	Risser	3.0T	---	Friday Harbor
MANDOLIN	---	Fast Passage 39	Roberts	2.55	---	Friday Harbor
MBURA	1288	Santana 22	Sobel	4.0	---	Friday Harbor
MARIANA	1	CT-41	Hoepfner	4.4	---	Friday Harbor



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MERRY TOM	---	Non Such 30	Gottfried	3.1	---	Friday Harbor
NAIA VII	37370	Erickson 32	Champlin	2.9	---	Friday Harbor
ODIN	---	Catalina 30	Borschel	3.0	---	Friday Harbor
PASSAGES	---	S-2 30	Hutchinson	3.6	---	Friday Harbor
PETREL III	79	Cal 25	Orvold	4.0	---	Friday Harbor
PRECURSOR	785	Clipper 26	Matheson	4.50	---	Friday Harbor
RAVEN	---	Newport 30	Lawrence	3.4	---	Friday Harbor
SALT CHUCK	60	Columbia 21	Nash	4.5	---	Friday Harbor
SEA GOAT	180	Cal 28	Cowell	3.5T	---	Friday Harbor
SEA WITCH	---	Monk Sloop 29	Bailey	6.0	---	Friday Harbor
ROANOAK	-0-	Classic Power	Cummings	-0-	-0-	Friday Harbor
SKANA	-0-	Tollycraft 40	Thorson	-0-	-0-	Friday Harbor
SKYE	---	Thunderbird 2	Hurley	3.2	---	Friday Harbor
SNOW GOOSE	---	Baba 30	Froula	4.0	---	Anacortes
SOUNION	415	Pilot 35	McKillop	4.0T	---	Friday Harbor
SAINT JUDE	41	Voyager 44	Hennen	4.5	---	Friday Harbor
TATEZI	---	Choy Lee 32	R. Mager	4.2	---	Friday Harbor
TEMPEST	---	Evergreen 36	Evans	2.5	---	Friday Harbor
THE SUANDEE	1675	Choy Lee 36	Meredith	3.2	---	Friday Harbor
TIOGA	-0-	28' Power	Hurley	-0-	-0-	Friday Harbor
TONDELAYO	180	Cascade 29	Schwedler	4.5	---	Friday Harbor
BUTTERFLY	---	Erickson 23	Schwedler	4.4	---	Friday Harbor
WINDSONG	487	Erickson 27	Strickland	4.1	---	Friday Harbor

# Weather Sayings of the old sailors



DEW INDICATES A GOOD DAY AHEAD: A DRY MORNING IS A SIGN OF SHOWERS.



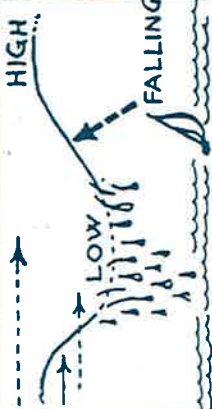
DISTANT SHORES LOOM UP NEARER BEFORE RAIN BECAUSE OF THINNING OF THE AIR.



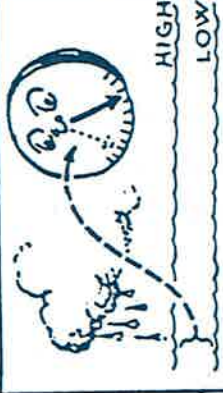
LARGE HALO AROUND THE MOON INDICATES CIRRUS CLOUDFORM & WARM FRONT RAIN.



A VEERING WIND IS SIGN OF FAIR WEATHER: BACKING WIND MEANS RAIN.



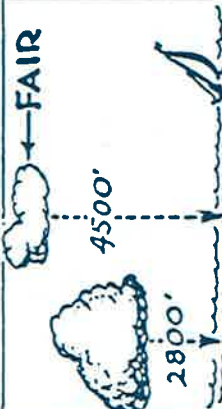
FALLING BAROMETER INDICATES NEARING "LOW" AREA, WITH WINDS AND RAIN.



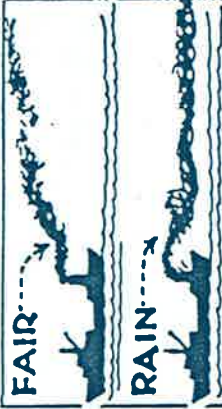
RAIN IS MOST FREQUENT AT THE TURN OF THE TIDE (IF AIR IS HUMID).



RAINBOW TO WINDWARD, RAIN AHEAD. RAINBOW TO LEEWARD, RAINS END.



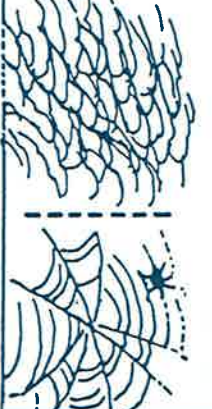
HIGHER THE CLOUDS, FINER THE WEATHER. LOWERING CEILINGS FORETELL A RAIN.



SMOKE THAT CURLS DOWNWARD AND LINGERS, MEANS A NEARING STORM.



THINNING AIR IS HARDER TO FLY IN. BIRDS "SIT IT OUT" BEFORE A STORM.



SKY FULL OF WEBBY CIRRUS FORETELLS DISTURBANCE AND RAIN'S ON ITS WAY.



LIGHTNING FROM THE W. OR N.W. WILL REACH YOU; FROM S. OR S.E. WILL PASS.



## Orcas join race in annual regatta off Orcas Island

By BILL MATHESON

Winter's expiring gasp brought a swirl of snow last Sunday morning to the starting line of the second race of the Bay Head Regatta at Orcas Island's Grindstone Harbor.

Fourteen boats in two classes from Orcas and San Juan Islands were off in a fresh southerly wind which carried the fast boats well ahead until the winds uncorked their leading boats, permitting laggards in the fleet to close up.

Finally, the wind in the sound settled down from the north, enabling a good spinnaker run from Rosario almost back to the finish line.

In Eastsound, first two then three late starters were observed to join the yachts.

Three beautiful orcas were so intent on hunting for harbor seals in a splendid display of aquatic grace that they remained close to the boats all the way back to Grindstone Harbor.

The orcas were given the horn by the committee boat as they crossed the finish line ahead of some of the yachts but were disqualified for not starting legally.

Heavyweight Bre'r Rabbit crossed the finish line in a quarter of an hour ahead of the fleet, followed by four lightweights finishing in a four-minute interval. Trophies were awarded to the winners on corrected time as follows:

### Heavyweight Class

First, Bre'r Rabbit, Bob Conner, Orcas; second, Fox's Secret, Dave Wilmer, Orcas; third, Penobscot, Ross Nason, Orcas.

### Lightweight Class

First, Starfire, Wally Lum, Orcas; second, Corbett, Steve Swanberg, Friday Harbor; third, Yellow Boat, Dick Slater, Orcas.

## Sail racing schedule Mar 13/1985

Following is a schedule of yacht racing events in 1985 in and around the San Juan Islands. If your organization is planning a yachting or sailing event, let us know and we'll include it in the schedule, which will be published monthly.

March 23-24 — Thrash Regatta sponsored by the Royal Victoria Yacht Club.

April 13 — Spring regatta sponsored by Friday Harbor Businessmen.

April 13-14 — Great Equalizer Classic sponsored by the Seattle Yacht Club.

April 27 — Island Challenge Cup sponsored by the Anacortes Yacht Club.

May 4-5 — R.H.U.M.B. regatta sponsored by the Friday Harbor Sailing Club.

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May 25-27 — Swiftsure Lightship sponsored by the Royal Victoria Yacht Club.

## Upcoming sailing events Mar 27/1985

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May 25-27 — Swiftsure Lightship sponsored by the Royal Victoria Yacht Club.

June 2 — Bar to Bar Race (invitational) from the Galley or Islander Lopez to the Electric Company in Friday Harbor, sponsored by Lopez Island Yacht Club.

June 8 — Barge Cup Race sponsored by Friday Harbor Businessmen.

## Boating safety techniques shown Apr 3/1985

The latest techniques in boating safety, including how to single-handedly pull heavier persons from the water, will be discussed and demonstrated in Friday Harbor on April 12-13.

Jerry Sabel of the Sailing Foundation in Seattle will show slides and film and discuss hypothermia and getting persons swept overboard back on a boat beginning at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 12, in the music room at Friday Harbor High School.

The next morning, beginning at 10 a.m., there will be in-the-water demonstrations of the techniques off the end of the Friday Harbor port dock. The public is invited to watch from the breakwater or from their boats.

The need for schooling in safety techniques was illustrated last year when the wife of a man swept overboard off San Juan Island could not pull her husband back onto the boat. He was later rescued by the Coast Guard.

The program will be sponsored by the Friday Harbor Sailing Club and Power Squadron and the San Juan Island Yacht Club. The programs are free and open to the public.

The following weekend there will be a safety and rescue conference for sea kayakers at Brodniak Hall in Anacortes.

John Dowd, author of "Sea Kayaking, a Manual for Long Distance Touring," will be among the speakers.

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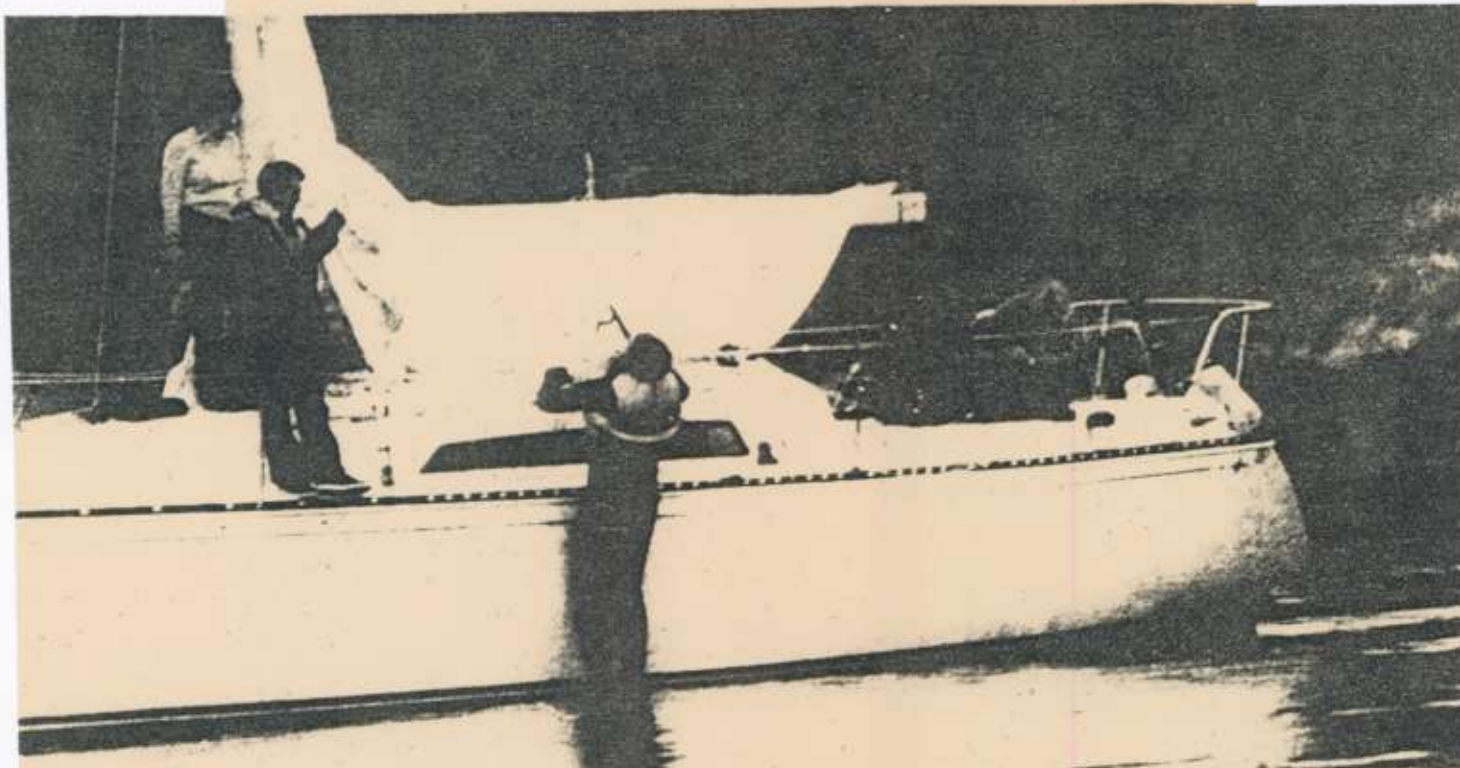
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June 22 — Hein Bank Race sponsored by Friday Harbor Businessmen, and Society for Creative Anachronism Dinner sponsored by the Lopez Island Yacht Club.





*Women's power*

Francis Leeming photo

June Vynne (right) cranks the winch aboard the Alert as she hoists "victim" Gary Lawrence from Friday Harbor Saturday. Vynne was demonstrating how a new rescue technique enables anyone to single-handedly pull a heavier person from the water. She hauled artist Lawrence from the water in about 13 minutes as her male "assistants" stood by.

## International sailing race this weekend

May 1/1985

By BILL MATHESON

The Sixth Annual RHUMB Regatta, considered one of the most exciting sailing races for local spectators, will be Saturday and Sunday at a new location.

This year's participants will start and finish from Friday Harbor affording spectators an excellent view. The international competition is sponsored by the Friday Harbor Sailing Club.

AFTER THE START of Sunday's first race, spectators also can watch the opening-day ceremonies of the San Juan Yacht Club and its annual boat parade, beginning at noon at the Port marina.

The regatta, traditionally run from Roche Harbor, was moved to Friday Harbor this year because of a sharp increase in the resort's race moorage rates.

The race will begin 10 a.m. Saturday and conclude early Sunday to allow visiting racers time to travel home. At least two races will be run Saturday and two on Sunday.

Boats will be divided by their speed rating into two or more classes. Sailing

instructions, available the day before the race, will define eight courses in San Juan Channel and nearby waters.

The course for each race will depend on the strength of race-day winds and will be announced just before the starting gun. In past years, the regatta has proven to be a truly international event with 50 percent of the participants coming from Canada. Crews from Anacortes, Orcas, Lopez, San Juan and other parts of Puget Sound are expected to take part.

THEY WILL BE joined by entrants from the Royal Victoria, Turkey Head and Sidney-North Saanich Yacht Clubs — as competitive a group of sailors as can be found in Pacific waters.

If history is any guide, the Vancouver Island yachtsmen are likely to carry off a majority of the RHUMB trophies.

For more information, contact RHUMB regatta commodore Pat Hurley, 378-5626, or 378-2209 evening. Fleet captain Bill Matheson also may be called at 378-2556.

## Fresh winds favor weekend of sailing

May 8/1985

Fresh winds favored Friday Harbor Sailing Club's sixth annual RHUMB Regatta in a weekend of excellent racing.

A starting line in Friday Harbor gave both windward and downwind starts in harbor and the San Juan Channel on Saturday.

Sunday's capricious breezes brought a windward start into a slackening ebb in the channel and some backwards sailing and anchoring at the windward mark to stem the stubborn current wash toward Cattle Point.

The trophy for first place in this

year's regatta, and the plaque on the perpetual trophy were elegantly earned by Friday Harbor's Sunny Vynne in his Etcheff's 22 Alcor.

Gary Boothman in Grasshopper, the Friday Harbor J-30 with the winning ways, was only two and one-half minutes behind Alcor in total time for the four RHUMB races to repeat his last year's performance in carrying off the second-place trophy.

Also a repeat winner RHUMB, was Royal Victoria Yacht Club's Ed Life in Surt. Life's canny steering of his Catalina 27 in Saturday's races carried

him through a grounding on Turn Rock on Sunday to capture the third-place trophy.

Fourth place was taken by Dave Cook in Horizon, a Hotfoot 27 from Royal Victoria Yacht Club, who also felt the chilling grasp of Turn Rock. Friday Harbor's Steve Swanberg was fifth in his San Juan 28 Corsair.

Others competing were Candide with Rob Moore. Skye, with Pat Hurley. Aquarius, with Scott Craddock, and Hobeau, with Warren Michael at the helm. All are from Friday Harbor.





Three boats beat the old Round the Island Race record Saturday in perfect sailing weather. The race, sponsored by the San Juan Island Yacht Club, was won by Jo Bailey-Cummings in Sea Witch.

Gary Boothman's Grasshopper finished the first day's leg from Friday Harbor to Snug Harbor in a record 3 hours 11 minutes, but finished fourth when the handicapping was done by race chairman Fred Krabbe.

Steve Swanberg's Corsair was second and Rob Moore's Candides was third. Scott Craddock's Aquarius was fourth.

No boat finished the final leg Sunday by the appointed hour (Grasshopper missed by four minutes). The boats got off to a rushing start Saturday (below and below right) and sailed tight to the rocks on the west side of San Juan Island.

Photo by Frank Leeming

May 22/1985

## Swiftsure poses full spectrum for sailors

By BILL MATHESON

Take \$30 million of sleek sailing craft and 3,000 competing sailors, skippers and crews no less finely tuned than their racing machines.

Add an equal number of hovering sailors participating vicariously, 2,000 watercraft of all descriptions, and 100,000 spectators.

TAKE THE MOST English of North American cities with one of the West's most beautiful inner harbors. Throw open its streets and its full heart to all visitors.

Take a 10-day banquet of events and spectacles: Music and arts; sports and games; water races, parades, festivals, shows, carnivals and fairs; theater, musicals, crafts and workshops; oriental culture, pageants, films, choirs and bands.

Take inshore races and offshore courses extending 100 miles to the open Pacific from the deep glacially-carved Strait.

An unpredictable body of water lapping the feet of snow-capped coastal mountains and washing wild rocky islands, reefs and shoals whose names are storied in Northwest history: Tatoosh Island, Race Rocks and Swiftsure Bank.

Put it all together and you have Swiftsure Race Week in Victoria, B.C., this week. To the entranced visitor and native alike, Swiftsure week is a time of intoxicating fun and games.

To the competing sailor, Swiftsure is a thing apart, an incredible experience of contrasts, 150 hours of roller-coasting spirits and emotions.

FOR HIM, the excitement and joie de

vivre of the social events, the visual spectacles and the epicurean delights, are terminated all too abruptly by the sobering challenge of Saturday's main events:

The Juan de Fuca and Cape Flattery races, and the Swiftsure Lightship classic.

At long last the hedonism of the preceding days is succeeded by the microcosmos of crackling sails, straining sheets, grinding winches and the whims of the weather.

In the ensuing long hours of physical highs and lows, the black night, the fog and the no-wind "holes", the psyche of the crew is catapulted through exhilaration and despair; wracked by tension, excitement and fatigue; alternately stimulated by hope and frustration, discouragement, joy and fulfillment.

To San Juan Island race veterans, Swiftsure is a highlight of the year. Insurance executive Steve Swanberg, skippering his SJ 28 Corsair in the Juan de Fuca race again this year, says: "Swiftsure is a happening: A true gala event".

TO ENGINEER Fred Krabbe, who sailed his Lucky Lady (now Swanberg's Corsair) to first in class and a first over-all in the 1981 race, Swiftsure means "sailboat racing plus a great celebration."

"Half the fun is getting the boat ready; the other half the onshore activities and the race itself," Krabbe said.

To architect Rod Mager, who crewed on winning Lucky Lady, and will not be competing for the first time in five years, "Swiftsure is a challenge: Excitement, tension and fun".

Veteran racer and cabinetmaker Gary Boothman, who will skipper his J30 Grasshopper on the new Cape Flattery course this year, rates the Southern Straits race as "more challenging than the Swiftsure course to the pure sailor."

But he concedes Swiftsure has no peer as a Northwest sailing event. According to Boothman, success in Swiftsure can be attributed "20 percent to the boat, 40 percent to preparation, and 40 percent to the crew."

A VETERAN of two-dozen Swiftsures, Friday Harbor's

world-class sailor Sunny Vynne, last year skippered his C&C 34 Alert to win first-in-class in the Swiftsure Classic.

To Sunny, "Swiftsure" is both a tradition and an ocean race of stature.

It is a race "not long enough to allow a full settling-in of watches". It can be "mean and miserable, the crew seasick half the time, bodies fatigued, and everything on the boat wet".

But then (usually), "there is that great sail home on the westerly"; and that indescribable, incomparable feeling of the sailor coming home.

Swiftsure events are beginning now, with the classic race this weekend. Go, and discover a new experience.

## Hein Bank sailing race is back

The second Hein Bank Sailboat Race will be Saturday, June 8. It will be sponsored by Swanberg Insurance in co-operation with other Friday Harbor businesses. Entry deadline is 8 a.m. the day of the race.

The 28-mile open water-course from Friday Harbor to Hein Bank south of San Juan Island and back should challenge the best of skippers and crews. The last Hein Bank race, in

September 1982, was won by Rob Moore in "Candida", a Santana 27.

Racers and cruisers both are invited to participate. Valuable prizes will be awarded, as well as first-, second- and third-place trophies.

Registration forms are available at Swanberg Insurance and Krabbe & Starr, Friday Harbor, as well as the Port of Friday Harbor office. For further information call 378-2949.



Nearly 400 boats entered

May 29/1985

## Five island sailers place in Swiftsure

By BILL MATHESON

Five San Juan Island sailors placed last weekend in the Swiftsure races. Almost 400 boats were entered in the competition.

One of the best performances was turned in by Corsair, skippered by Steve Swanberg and Fred Krabbe. They finished 11th out of 82 finishers in the Juan de Fuca race.

In the Cape Flattery race, Grasshopper, skippered by Gary Boothman, placed 14th in a field of 43 that finished in the Class IV division.

Alert, skippered by Sunny Vynne, placed 11th in the Juan de Fuca Class III race.

Ian Wareham and Wally Gudgeon of Orcas placed 76th overall in the Lightship race, hours ahead of many.

In the Swiftsure Lightship Classic, the winners were:

Class I: First place overall, Country Style, skippered by Steve Merriman of Royal Victoria Yacht Club; first boat in, Climax, skippered by Donald and Michael Smith of Seattle.

Class II: First place overall,

Cheetah, skippered by Peter Clark and Gordon Millar; first boat in, Meridian, skippered by Charles Schiff of Seattle.

In the Swiftsure Cape Flattery Race, the winners were:

Class III: First place overall and first in, Mo Bettah Two, skippered by Charles Pepka of Seattle.

Class IV: First place overall and first in, Nameless, skippered by Fred Palmer of Gig Harbor.

Class V: First place overall, Belluga, skippered by Don Flynn of Seattle and first in was Scrimshander, skippered by Jack Miller of Royal Victoria Yacht Club.

In the Juan de Fuca Race, the winners were:

Class VI: First place overall, Sea Jay, skippered by George Redzich of Royal Victoria and first in was Warhawk, skippered by Ed Fish.

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### LaConner boat wins

Tolo Tsolo, a 36-foot Columbia captained by Ed Woodson of LaConner, sailed across the finish line first to win top honors Saturday in the second annual Hein Bank sailing race.

Woodson's boat won first place in both the over-all competition and Class I.

It was a 10-hour race from Friday Harbor through San Juan Channel and Cattle Pass to round the Hein Bank buoy in Strait of Juan de Fuca and back. Sixteen boats entered the competition.

Woodson's unadjusted winning time was 8 hours 26 minutes.

Sunny Vynne of Brown (Friday) Island crossed the finish line seven minutes later in his 22-foot Alcor to finish second over-all and second in Class I. Rob Moore's Candide was third over-all and third in Class I.

Gary Boothman was fourth over-all in Grasshopper; fifth place went to Wally Lum of Orcas in Red Tide.

Class II was won by Arnold Binney of Orcas, piloting Mixed Nuts. Second place was won by Maxine Schwedler in Butterfly, and third place was won by Mike Valiga in Salt Chuck.

The race was sponsored by Swanberg Insurance and Friday Harbor businesses.

June 5/1985  
Barge Cup race set June 15

The sixth annual Barge Cup Race and Cruise from Friday Harbor to Bedwell Harbor, B.C., will start at 11 a.m., Saturday, June 15, in Friday Harbor. Racers will be competing for the Charlie Schmidt memorial sailing trophy.

Race instructions will be available aboard the Nordland from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday morning. Participants bringing a dinghy may load it on the Nordland in Friday Harbor before 10:30 a.m. and retrieve it at Bedwell after the race.

D.H.D.E. handicapping will be used.  
For further information, contact David Strickland, 378-4404.

Leave Space  
Gary Boothman  
History of  
Charlie Schmidt

### Swanbergs finish, win race

June 19/1985

Yvonne and Steve Swanberg in their sailboat Corsair were the only finishers Sunday in a 20-mile sailing race sponsored by San Juan Ferry & Barge.

The Barge Race started Saturday at Friday Harbor and ended the first leg at Bedwell Harbor on South Pender Island, B.C., where Dave Strickland put on a barbecue aboard the Nordlund barge.

The Swanbergs beat five other competitors for first-place honors.

Starting the course with the Swanbergs were Rob Moore on Candide, John Dickinson on Whisker, Bill Hewitt on Windsong, Roz and Larry Duthie on Grasshopper and Don Wegers and Gary Boothman on Fairwind.

The others were unable to finish the course when the breezes gave out. Everyone enjoyed themselves anyhow, Swanberg said.

The next big sailing events in the islands is the Shaw Island Classic, scheduled for Aug. 10. The popular race is sponsored by the San Juan Yacht Club.

### Sailing instruction offered

June 19/1985

Sailing lessons for youths are being given on Sportsman's Lake on San Juan Island. The Friday Harbor Sailing Club obtained permission from the San Juan Preservation Trust to use as access to a boat launch on the lake.

Instructors are Cynthia Hurley and Peter Risser. Assistant instructors are Wolf Chamberlain, Mike Barnes, Dana Brash and Joaquin Hubbard. For information, call Pat Hurley at 378-5626 in the day and 378-2209 at night.

Lessons are from 1-3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Cost is \$10. That includes membership in the club.

The conservation easement was donated by Irene Dogan last year. In conjunction with the lessons, the youths will help keep the property free of litter.



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### All Invited to Shaw Classic

The San Juan Island Yacht Club invites all sailors to participate in the 15th annual Shaw Island Classic.

The race will be Saturday, Aug. 10, starting from Friday Harbor at 11 a.m. and can be sailed either clockwise or counter clockwise around Shaw Island (skipper's choice), finishing in Friday Harbor.

Registration (\$5) will start at 8 a.m. at the Friday Harbor Port dock, and will close at 10:30 a.m. sharp. For further information contact race chairman Fred Krabbe, 378-4171 or 378-4442.

## Sports Briefs

*Sept 29/1985*

### LeMans sail race Saturday

The fifth annual running of the LeMans Race for Sailboats will be this Sunday, Sept. 29, starting in Friday Harbor. The race, sponsored by San Juan Canvas Co., features a unique start.

Race boats anchor near the race committee vessel in Friday Harbor. At the starting signal, one member of each boat's crew must row from the committee boat to his or her vessel. Then anchors are hoisted and the boats get under way.

After completing the course, the boats anchor again and a member of the crew must row over to the committee boat. After the race, which will begin about 11 a.m., there will be a potluck supper in the sail loft.

# Sports & Recreation

*Aug 7/1985*

## Shaw Classic is biggest islands sailing race

By BILL MATHESON

August slipped abruptly into the Northwest with an unannounced change of weather. As fog hung in the air and the rains came, the cognoscenti could already sense a familiar aura.

Appearing out of nowhere and defying description it stole in through the raindrops, silently and on schedule. Swiftly pervading the islands it heralded the coming of unseen visitors.

NOW THEY ARE arriving, those exotic sea-horses, drifting in as quietly as rustling silk.

With prancing kevar muscles disciplined under braided reins of Dacron, \$5 million worth of sailing craft display their sleek curves of hull and sail poised to exploit wind and tide.

They assemble in Friday Harbor for the supremely trivial purpose of circumnavigating a small and unobtrusive island.

It is time for the Shaw Island Classic!

Saturday will see the culmination of their preparations in a climactic crackling melee, as six-score boats carrying acres of synthetic sailcloth criss-cross the line in a last-minute collision-threatening frenzy, fighting for best position at the 11 a.m. starting flag.

Until then the crews must wrestle with the complex problem of discovering the least-time geometric path out of Friday Harbor around Shaw.

PAST YEARS have proven that a respectable finish in the race is dependent on the direction of rounding the island. No known formula prescribes the choice.

Tide and current are predictable, but not the wind. The crux of the Riddle of Shaw lies in guessing correctly which way to go.

What is the magic of the Shaw Classic that it outdraws other well-established island races 10-to-one?

The Shaw is not in a class with such offshore races as the Swiftsure and the Southern Straits, yet it continues to draw more than 100 boats to the islands on windless August waters.

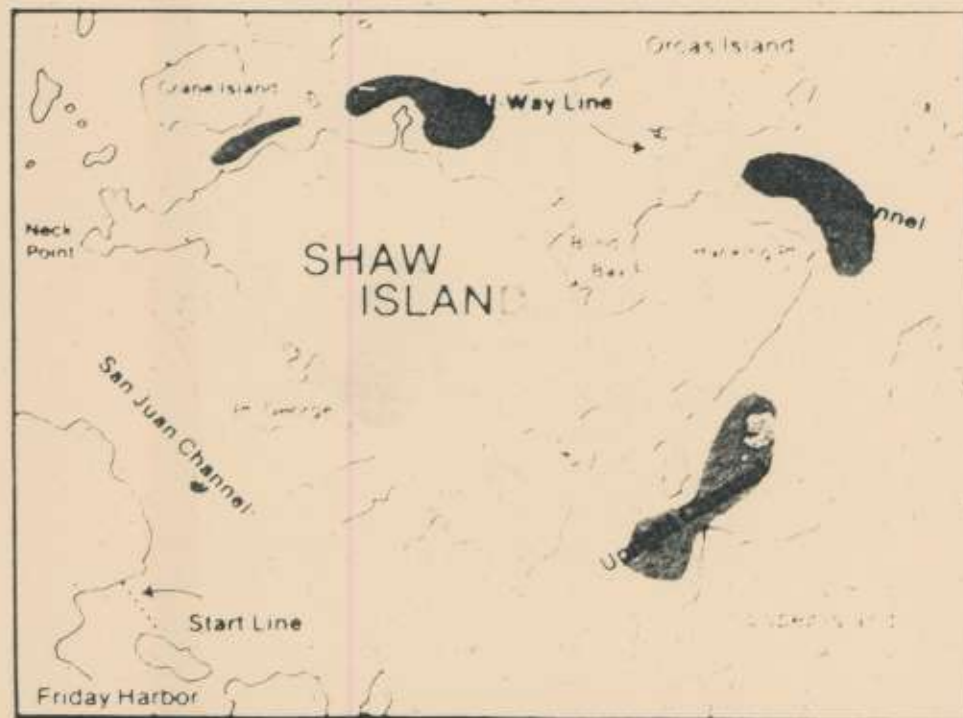
Perhaps the answer lies in the fact that the rules are different: No recalls, no protests, no spinnakers or other free-flying sails, no handicapping within the classes.

Such departures from normal sailing rules disturb some serious sailors, but are designed to enlist the casual yachtsman.

Undoubtedly the informality of the Classic has helped to preserve it as a fun race in the spirit of its origin. Indeed, many competitors turn to frolic when the fickle August wind plays out.

THE FRUSTRATION of frequent calms is combatted with refreshing liquids, water balloons and various aquatic engagements.

As the afternoon wind expires, and the clock moves toward the deadline,



Shaded areas show where racers are most likely to be becalmed Saturday in the annual Shaw Island Classic.

some impatient competitors give up the race, perhaps in one of the doldrums shown on our chart.

Others vent their high spirits by starting engines and grappling in pirate fashion with receptive vessels.

Typically less than half the entrants

finish the race, which is sponsored by the San Juan Yacht Club.

Flamboyant style notwithstanding, the Classic demands skill to win a trophy. Happily, the no-protest rule enables presentation of awards immediately after the race.



## Perfect wind for Shaw Classic

Will the wind die down?

That was the big question Saturday morning as the crews on 121 sailboats prepared for the annual Shaw Classic race. The wind was up, as good as in any year in recent memory. But would it hold?

It did, to the delight of all the race participants.

The sleek vessels slipped out of Friday Harbor in two waves, each splitting as the captains gambled on which would be the better way around Shaw. Those who went east made the right decision.

The fastest time was 2 hours, 14 minutes, set by Gray Hawkins in Teddy Bear, who won the Diamond Head trophy

in the green division. Henry Katkins of Brown (Friday) Island was second in Diamond Head; Bravura was third.

Other winners were:

**Red & Yellow (racing class) division** — 1. Sunny Vynne of Brown (Friday) Island in Alcor, 2:35:36, 2. Brian Werthimer in Steverin, 2:43:42, and 3. Hans Otto Giese of Friday Harbor in Oslo, 2:47:03.

**Yellow (medium-fast cruisers) division** — 1. Beth and Kurth Johnson in Zoea, 2:46:29, 2. Robert Horsey in Poisson Soluble, 2:51:15, and 3. Warren Michaels in Hobeau, 2:52:28.

**Blue (slower cruisers) division** — 1. Tom Shepard of San Juan Island in Nordlig,

3:19:45; 2. Donald Haviland in Oceanide, 3:23:06, and 3. Dave Strickland of San Juan Island in Windsong, 3:23:16.

**White (medium cruisers) division** — 1. David Jensen in Windsong, 3:19:50; 2. Rod Whitman in Ptarmigan, 3:20:19, and 3. Jon Troxel in Pherousa, 3:21:43.

**Red (classic cruisers) division** — 1. Lee Brewer of San Juan Island in Rainbird, 3:29:59; 2. Stan McQueen, 3:40:46, and 3. Doug Withers in Miraka, 3:47:49.

**Orange (unballasted centerboards) division** — 1. Bryan Colwell in Cheer Up, 3:35:17; 2. William Gropper in Plume Wine, 3:37:01, and 3. Bill Boerner in Whipper, 4:14:36.

## Rowers top sailors in Round Shaw race

By DENNIS MALONE

Some 40 rowers and kayakers started the 8th annual Round Shaw Row Saturday, a 12.5-nautical mile race that began in the protected waters of Shaw Island's Indian Cove.

Boaters entered either San Juan Channel or Harney Channel and found rough seas and a strong northwest wind. More than one boat opted to turn back.

Of those who continued, the first to finish was an impressive slide-seat double scull built in Friday Harbor and rowed by Nancy Blakemore and Lars Watson. They finished in 2 hours, 10 minutes, averaging 5.63 miles an hour.

Their time also allowed the rowers to again beat the fastest boat in the prestigious Shaw Classic sailing race held at the same time.

Tony Canavarró and Mike

Reid of Orcas Island, were second in the same class with a time 2:19:50. The first of the sliding-seat single sculls was Dennis Malone of Lopez with a time of 2:20:26, followed by Kent Miller in 2:29:20.

The fixed-seat double rowboat class was won by Greg Thomsen and John Willis of Orcas, finishing in 33:12 in a

boat built by Thomsen. Sixth in that class was Steven Brouwer and Jeff Holmes of Lopez (3:02:19) in a boat built by Brouwer.

They were followed closely by Archie Conn and Chris Cunningham. Lopez, with a time of 3:03:20, for seventh place in the fixed-seat doubles class.

## Swanberg, Vynne leaders in sailing club series

Overall leaders in Friday Harbor Sailing Club's Fall Series are Bob Vynne in the Alert and Steve Swanberg in Corsair, who are tied after the fourth race.

Winners in last week's race in "A" Class were: first, Corsair (S. Swanberg); second, Alert (R. Vynne);

third, Alcor (S. Vynne); fourth, Panda (E. Bentzen); fifth, Grasshopper (G. Boothman).

In "B" Class the results were: first, Candide (R. Moore); second, Mambo (W. Koertge); third, Windsong (D. Strickland); fourth, Tempest (E. Evans); fifth, Rainbird (L. Brewer).

Current leaders in "A" Class are first, Alert (R. Vynne); second, Corsair (S. Swanberg); third, Alcor (S. Vynne).

Current leaders in "B" Class are first, Mambo (W. Koertge); second, Candide (R. Moore); third, Rainbird (L. Brewer).

## Vynne's Alcor wins fall sailing; Candide wins class in series

Dec 4/1985  
By BILL MATHESON

The morning of Nov. 24 was wintry, running water long gone from the docks with the advent of November's freezing weather. High-booted yacht crews were scooping up brine to de-ice slippery decks.

The tide had turned to flood, the wind was out of the east, and a fearless race committee deliberated on the course for the final race of Friday Harbor Sailing Club's Fall Series.

Moving slowly in the light breeze at the starting line 11 yachts took the red flag at precisely 11:15 a.m. The temperature was in the low 20s.

It was a beat to Reid Rock before rounding Brown Island on a short course back to the harbor. But it was also the race to decide the series winners of both classes.

Within 42 minutes Panda had captured first place in the race,

crossing the finish line better than minutes ahead of the next four boats. Alcor, Corsair, Alert and Grasshopper finishing only tens of seconds apart.

"A" Class results were: 1. Panda (Erik Bentzen), 2. Corsair (S. Swanberg), 3. Alcor (Sunny Vynne), 4. Alert (Bob Vynne), 5. Grasshopper (Gary Boothman), 6. Pirate (A. Bentzen).

"B" Class results were: 1. Candide (Rob Moore), 2. Mambo (W. Koertge).

Over-all winner for the series of races was Alcor, crewed by E. Jewett, Gary Roberts and S. Vynne. Panda was second with 4 and Corsair tied for third.

"A" Class series winners were: Alcor, 2. Alert, 3. Panda, 4. Corsair, 5. Grasshopper, 6. Pirate.

"B" Class winners were: Candide, 2. Mambo, 3. Rainbird, 4. Windsong.

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Oct 2/1985  
Local races in Coastweek

The first two races in the annual series of fall sailing events are part of the second annual Coastweek celebration taking place next week.

The state Department of Ecology is co-ordinating a variety of activities throughout the Puget Sound region.

These include a salmon festival in Issaquah, banjo-bash in Aberdeen, oyster shucking contest in Shelton and activities at the Seattle Aquarium and Breazeale-Padilla Bay Interpretive Center near Anacortes.

Coastweek '85 is a nationwide celebration aimed at fostering public awareness of the environmental, economic, recreational and aesthetic value of the country's coasts and shorelands.

For more information on the two sailing races Oct. 6 and 13 sponsored by the Friday Harbor Sailing Club, call Pat Hurley, 378-5626. For a schedule of all Coastweek events, call the department of ecology, 459-6782.