

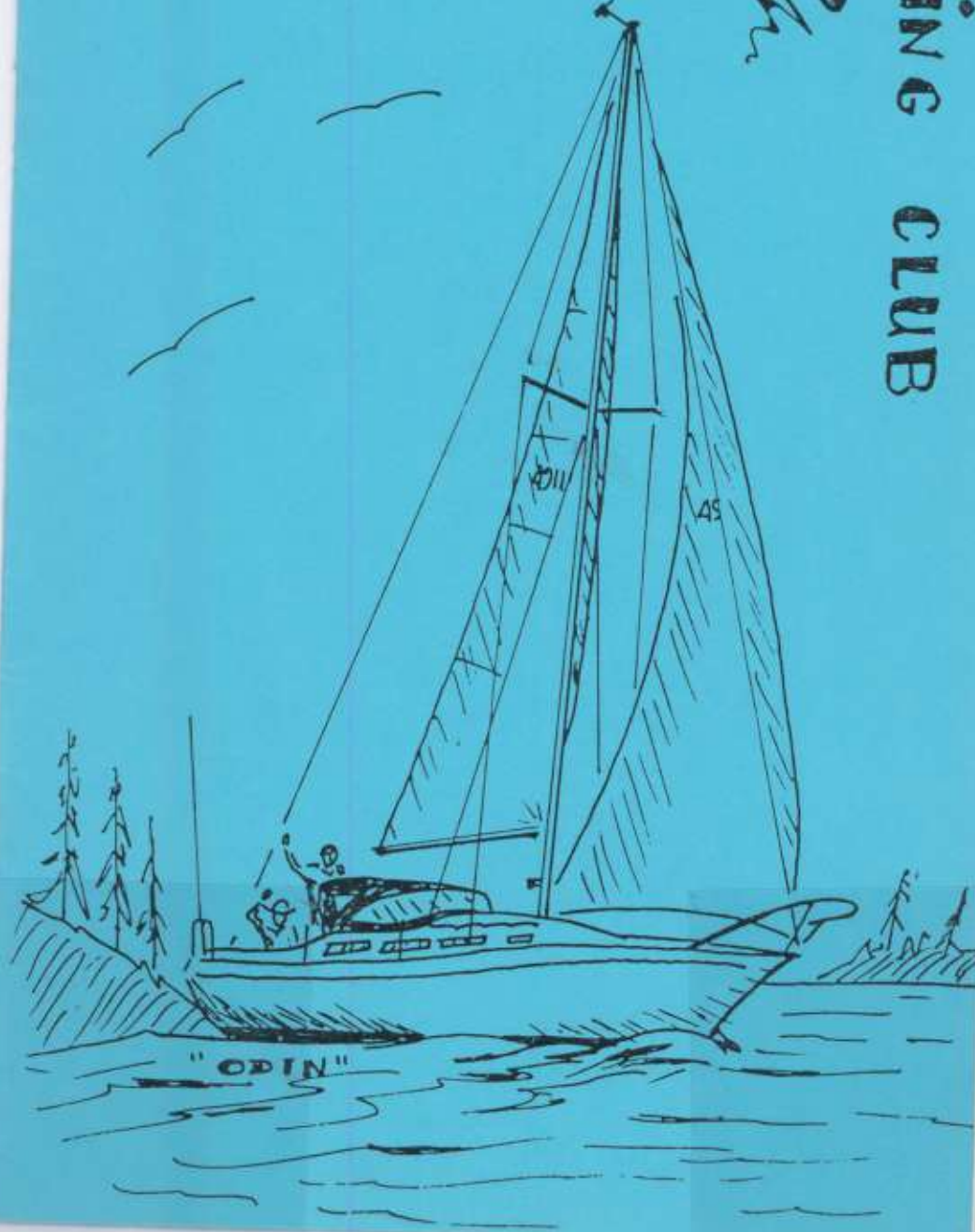


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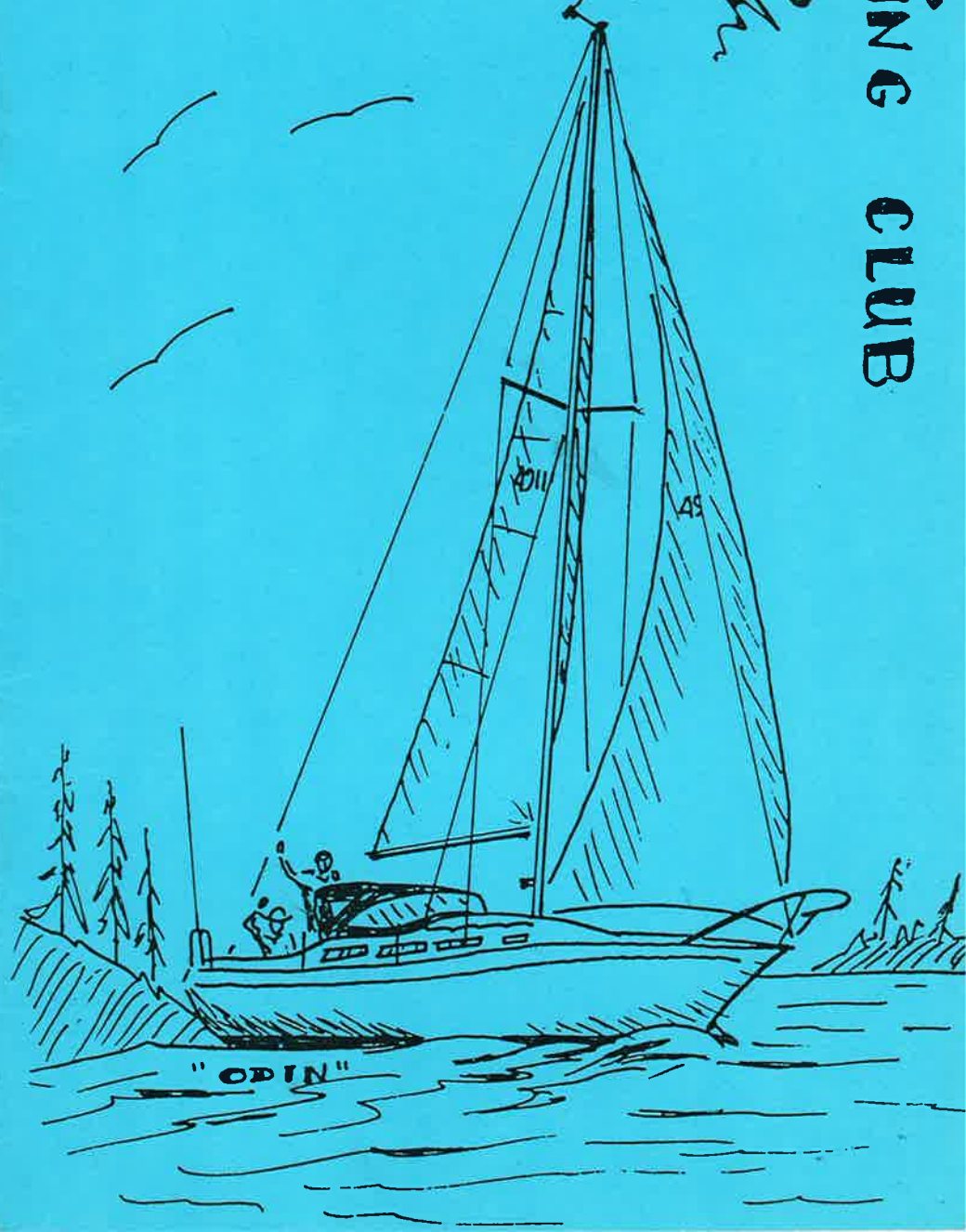
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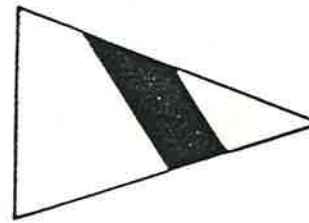
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Friday Harbor Sailing Club

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, sportmanship 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

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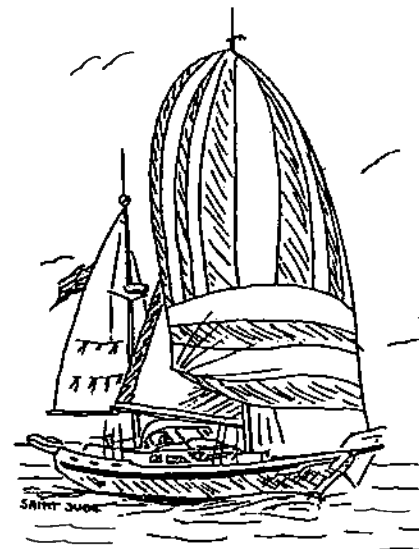
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FRIDAY HARBOR SAILING CLUB MEETINGS

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

February 11 Potluck American Legion
April 8 Potluck American Legion
June 10 Picnic Turn Island
July 10~~8~~ Picnic Turn Island
August 12 Picnic Turn Island
September 9 Potluck American Legion
December 9 Potluck and Gala Christmas
Meeting American Legion

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1986 RENDEZVOUS SCHEDULE

FRIDAY HARBOR SAILING CLUB ROSTER

- APR 6 - "AROUND-THE-BUOYS RACE"
Griffin Bay
- APR 12-13 - "JOINT CRUISE" with San Juan Island
Yacht Club - Deer Harbor
- MAY 3-4 - "RHUMB REGATTA" - An annual event
at Roche Harbor
- MAY 17-18 - "ROUND SAN JUAN ISLAND RACE"
sponsored by SJIYC
- MAY 24-26 - "SWIFTSURE CLASSIC" RVYC
- JUN 14-15 - "BARGE CUP RACE" the great race
from Friday Harbor to Bedwell
- AUG 9 - "SHAW ISLAND CLASSIC"
Sponsored by SJIYC
- Aug 24 - "HEIN BANK REGATTA" sponsored by
Swanberg Insurance Agency
- SEP 28 - "THE GREAT LeMANS RACE" sponsored
by San Juan Canvas
- DEC 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE CRUISE to
Reid Harbor
- JANUARY 1 - "HANGOVER CUP RACE" back to
Friday Harbor

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FALL SERIES

(Call Fleet Captain Bill Evans for details)
378-5760

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- SEP 7 -
- SEP 14 -
- OCT 5 -
- OCT 12 -
- OCT 19 -
- NOV 2 -
- NOV 9 - A make-up race.

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NEW MEMBER (Too late for publication in alpha-listing)

Bill Taylor and Dorothy Rogers
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• FRIDAY HARBOR SAILING CLUB •

• 1986 BOAT DIRECTORY •

NAME	MAKE	OWNER	NAME	MAKE	OWNER
ADLIB	Erickson 27	Carter	MARIANA	CT-41	Hoepfner
ALCOR	ETCHELS 22	Vynne	MBURA	Santana 22	Sobel
ALERT	C & C 34	Vynne	MERRY TOM	Non Such 30	Gottfried
BLUE EAGLE	San Juan 28	Nash	NAIA III	Erickson 32	Champlin
BOBULONA	Liberty 458	Nafatalin	NICHOLSWORTH	Camano	Nichols
BUTTERFLY	Erickson 23	Schwedler	ODIN	Catalina 30	Borschel
CANDIDE	Santana 27	Moore	PASSAGES	S-2 30	Hutchison
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CITY ZOO	Vega 27	Johnson	PRECURSOR	Clipper 26	Matheson
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CZECH MATE	Fisher 30	Forgie	ROANOAKE	Classic Power	Cummings
DOROTHEA	North Sea 27	Shull	SALTCHUCK	Columbia 21	Nash
ELSIE	30'	Olshefsky	SEA GOAT	Cal 28	Cowell
EVENTIDE	Swan 36	Saylor	SEA WITCH	Monk 29	Bailey
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IMPUNITY	Bristol 40	McKillop	SAINT JUDE	Voyager 44	Hennen
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NOTES

Priceless wins top SJIYC prize

May 7 By HANK CURTIS 1986

The San Juan Island Yacht Club paraded two dozen decorated yachts past the Port of Friday Harbor docks Sunday afternoon to mark the official opening of the 1986 boating season.

The boats started their parade at the port, circumnavigated Brown Island and passed in review before judges aboard Commodore Dave Champlin's flagship on their return to the docks.

Priceless, skippered by Frank Price, was judged the boat best representing the 1986 theme of "Building a Clubhouse." Winner for the best traditional parade dress was Finnie, captained by Richard Newlean.

Impulse II, under Lou Ford, Seattle

Yacht Club, made the best over-all presentation to the judges. She was the only winner not from the SJIYC.

Second and third places for theme presentation were won by Island Express under Fred Krabbe and crew and Alert, skippered by Sunny Vynne.

Fred Hoepfner's Mariana and Robert Clark's Windarra tied for second place in the traditional class, followed by Impulse II.

Mariana also tied with Priceless for second in over-all effect, and Alan Carter's Island Gypsy was third in that competition.

Judges were Friday Harbor Mayor James Cahill, town administrator Don Horan and port commissioner Linda Browne.

List of upcoming sailing events July 9/1986

Following is a schedule of upcoming yacht racing events in and around the San Juan Islands.

July 12-13 — The sixth annual Barge Cup Race from Friday Harbor to Bedwell, sponsored by Dave Strickland. It was set for June 14-15, but postponed when a storm swept the islands that weekend.

July 20 — Second race of the summer series sponsored by the Orcas Yacht Club.

Aug. 2-3 — Friday Harbor Sailing Club cruise to Ellen Bay on Prevost Island.

Aug. 3 — Third race of the summer series sponsored by the Orcas Yacht Club.

Aug. 9 — The Shaw Island Classic, the biggest sailing race of the year in the San Juans, sponsored by the San Juan Island Yacht Club. Starts in Friday Harbor.

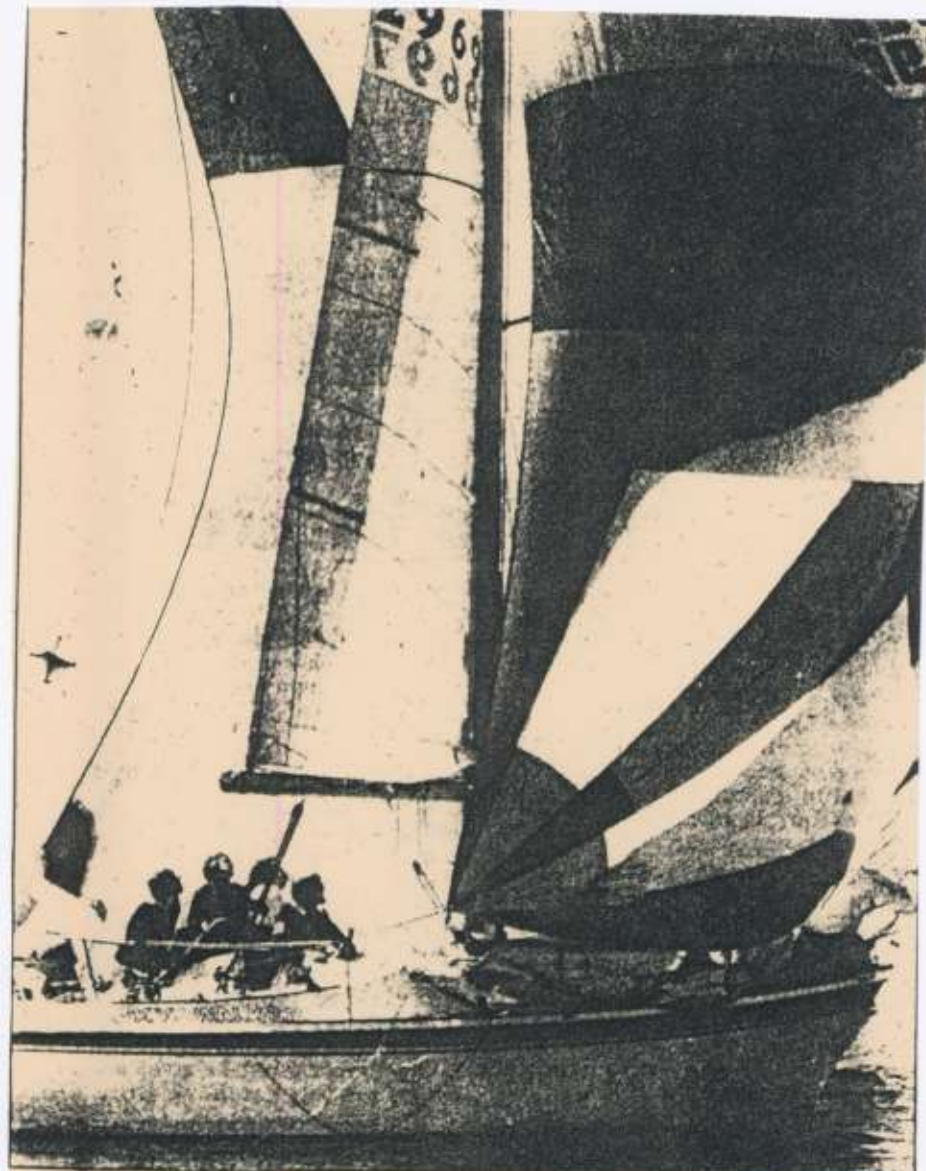
Aug. 12 — Friday Harbor Sailing Club evening potluck on

Turn Island.

Aug. 17 — Fourth race of the summer series sponsored by the Orcas Yacht Club.

Aug. 24 — The Hein Bank Race for sailboats from Friday Harbor through Cattle Pass to the buoy on the banks and back to Friday Harbor, sponsored by Swanberg Insurance.

Sept. 7 — First race of the fall series out of Friday Harbor sponsored by the San Juan Sailing Club.



Frank Leeming photo

RHUMB runner May 8/1986

The annual Roche Harbor Ultimate Marine Bash sailing races were blessed with good (but tricky) winds last weekend. A report on the winners is on page

Wind dies, boats can't get around

May 21/1986
By ILENE ANDERSON

There were no finishers in the round-the-island race last weekend sponsored by the San Juan Island Yacht Club. Everyone got wet, and there wasn't any wind to speak of.

Gary Boothman, on Grasshopper, came closest to finishing, making it nearly all the way around San Juan Island and back through Cattle Pass before turning on his engine.

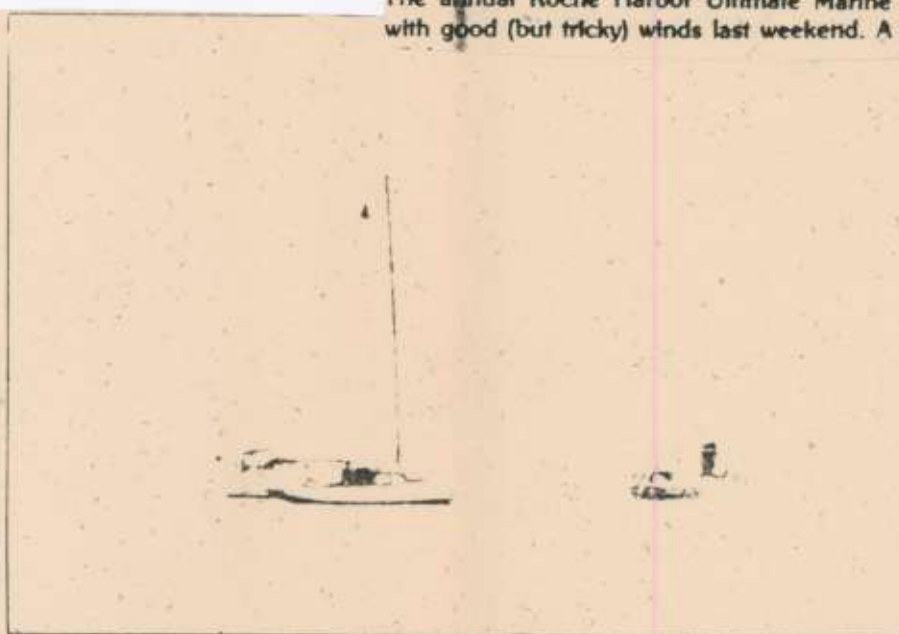
It's hard to get too excited about a race with you're the only boat that hasn't quit and gone home.

The first leg on Saturday started fine, and just in time to avoid the incoming 10 a.m. ferry. Boothman was first to arrive in Snug Harbor, the end of the first leg, and won the Snug Trophy.

Four other boats finished by the 5 p.m. Saturday deadline, and many boats were not far behind.

The Sunday leg started the next morning from Snug Harbor, with good winds. But as the day wore on, the winds dropped and the rain poured down until everyone got discouraged and quit.

Combined point winners were Boothman, on Grasshopper, in first



Frank Leeming photo

A foggy day and minimal wind made the first leg of the Round-the-Island Race a tough time on Saturday.

place; Rob Moore, on Candide, in second place, and Hans Borschel, on Odin, in third place. Boothman won the Carl Loveland Perpetual Trophy posted by the Yacht Club.

Awards will be presented at the club dinner meeting in June. The club would like to thank Ross Miner and Dick Guthrie for donating the committee boats for the race.



Sails up Saturday for Shaw Classic

Aug 6/1986
By ILENE ANDERSON

Okay, sports fans, here's the way the currents are going to be running Saturday at the beginning of the Shaw Island Classic — the biggest sailing event of the season.

From 10 to 11 a.m. — the race starts at 10:30 in Friday Harbor — the currents will be ebbing south down San Juan Channel at a rate of one to one and a quarter knots.

AT THE START of the race there is no current predicted through Upright Channel, but by 11 a.m. a weak tide of a quarter knot will be setting northeast through Upright.

Low tide Saturday in Friday Harbor will be at 1:49 p.m.

The general direction of the currents will remain the same, growing steadily weaker in San Juan Channel until approximately 3 p.m. when the currents through San Juan Channel and Wasp Passage will reverse.

Registration is on the Friday Harbor port dock between 8 and 10 a.m.

The starting line will be between a flag on the University of Washington Marine Labs salt-water intake structure and the committee boat,



carrying a yellow flag, anchored inside the harbor close to Brown Island.

The race is around Shaw — in either direction, which provides challenge to the skippers — and ends in Friday Harbor.

The finish line will be between the black buoy No. 3, just northwest of Brown Island and the committee boat anchored southeast of the buoy. The race is over at 6 p.m.

IF POOR WINDS preclude completion of the race at the Friday Harbor finish line, the half-way line stretching across Harney Channel from the Shaw Island ferry dock north to Orcas Island will be used as the finish line.

The half-way line will be manned at both ends and marked with white flags. It may be either boat or shore based. Let's hope for wind, bright sunshine and bikinis this year!

Wally Lum wins 3rd Orcas sailing race

Eleven boats raced in East Sound last Sunday in a good steady breeze in the third race of the summer series sponsored by the Orcas Island Yacht Club.

Of the four solings entered, Wally Lum in Alagrais was first. Wally Lum's boat, Red Tide, skippered by Oak Boesky and carrying an all-woman crew, finished second. Third place

went to Hal Cook sailing Whoopi.

In the handicapped class, Rob Moore from Friday Harbor took first place. George Hiss from Orcas took second place on Loverly, and Bill Evans from San Juan Island took third on Tempest.

The course was 9.2 miles starting at 1 p.m. off Twin Rocks. The final race of the series will be Sunday.

Friday Harbor Sailing Club

Friday Harbor, Washington 98250



Gary Roberts

is a member in good standing for the year

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Nice eight-knot breeze pushes boats in sailing contest

Aug 17/1988

Eleven boats, a good turn-out, showed up Sunday for the second in a series of four sailboat races co-sponsored by New England Boat, Tanbark Marine and Swanberg Insurance.

They sailed in good wind - a consistent eight-knot breeze - on a warm, sunny day.

The next race Sunday starts at 1 p.m. in Griffin Bay. The committee boat, anchored off Dinner Island prior to the race, will accept the \$5 entry fee for registration.

The first fall race of the Friday Harbor Yacht Club has been announced by fleet captain of sail, Patrick Johnston.

"It will be a Friday Harbor version of

the Duck Dodge, popular races held regularly in Seattle - three classes: Fast, half-fast and cruisers," said Johnston.

The race, open to all sailors, will start at noon Sunday, Sept. 4, Labor Day weekend. The course will be either way around Jones Island and back to the yacht club.

A live-music dance will follow at the club.

Registration will be from 8 to 11 a.m. the morning of the race. \$5 registration fee.

*** Sept 14/88

The first in a fall series of five sailboat races sponsored by Friday Harbor Sailing Club will begin 11 a.m. Sept. 25, in Griffin Bay.

Subsequent races will be at the same time and place Oct. 2, 16, 30 and Nov. 6. Anyone interested in competing should contact Hugh Lawrence at 378-2443.

Friday Harbor Sailing Club has also announced a "round the county" race with the Orcas Island Yacht Club on Nov. 11 and 12.

Swanberg wins sailing race he helped sponsor

Aug 31/1988

Last Sunday's race in Griffin Bay sponsored by Swanberg Insurance, Tanbark Marine and New England Boat Company was the fourth and final race in the series.

They had a good race, nice wind and warm weather. Eight boats participated.

Corsair skippered by Steve Swanberg was first, *Grasshopper* skippered by Gary Boothman placed second, and *Alcor* skippered by Sunny Vynne placed third.

The first race of the Friday Harbor Yacht Club will be at noon Sunday. The course will be either way around Jones Island and back to the yacht club.

The event, open to all sailors, will be celebrated with a live band performance following the race at the club facilities at Capron's Landing in Friday Harbor.

Registration for the race will be from 8 to 11 a.m. Sunday.

First FH Yacht Club race challenging success: Bentzen took first, O'Brien took second place

Sept 7/1988

The first race sponsored by Friday Harbor Yacht Club was a success. As the fog lifted Sunday morning so did the spirits of the sailors rewarded with a fine day's sailing.

The course set was around Jones Island and back to the start/finish line at the yacht club.

Two-thirds of the boats chose to go clockwise around the island, sailing the wind lines with the tide favorable for most of the race.

"It was a challenging race," said Lance Cross, skipper of *Magewind*, winner of her class. A lot of tacking was involved and much was attributed to local knowledge of currents.

First overall was John Bentzen on an *Etchells 22* with a time of two hours, 56 minutes and 19 seconds, followed less than a minute and a half later by second place winner Tom O'Brien on *Hooligan*.

Third overall was Arne Bentzen on *Critter*.

There were three classes of competition, fast, half-fast and slow. First, second and third place winners in the fast class were the *Etchells*, *Hooligan* and *Critter* respectively.

In the half-fast class it was *Magewind*,

in firm. *Comet* skippered by Arthur Lohre in second, and *Blondie* skippered by Tami Oldham and Kim Smith in third place.

Winners in the slow class were *Shark* skippered by George Hiss, followed by *Solitaire* skippered by Chuck Webster and third place winner *Elrita* skippered by Clay Prescott.

There will be more sailboat races to participate in this month.

The fall series of four sailboat races sponsored by Orcas Island Yacht Club starts at noon Sunday in West Sound. All the rest of the races will be in East Sound, Sept. 18, Oct. 9 and 23.

For more information call the Fleet Captain of Sail, Betsy Wareham at 378-2314.

The popular LeMans Race sponsored by San Juan Canvas Co. will be Sept. 24th. The LeMans Race starts on the committee boat in Friday Harbor, participants racing by dinghy to their boats at anchor.

For information on the course and registration contact Peter or Susan Risser 378-4119.

LeMans race features fun rules: Anchor, then row to boat in dinghy

Sept 21/88

One of the most entertaining sailing events of the year - the ninth annual Le Mans Race sponsored by the San Juan Canvas Company - will begin next Saturday in Friday Harbor.

The rules are fun. You anchor your boat and one crew member rows a dinghy to the committee boat for pre-race instruction and a sealed envelope specifying the course to be sailed.

The race starts on the committee boat as sailors pile into their dinghys and race back to their boats, weigh anchor and set sail.

Speed in getting under way counts as much as time made on the course. Whoever rounds the course, anchors and rows back to the committee boat

first wins.

For registration and more information contact Peter or Susan Risser at 378-4119.

Last Sunday's Rag Sailors Regatta, sponsored by the Lopez Island Yacht Club, was canceled due to lack of interest.

The first in a fall series of five sailboat races sponsored by Friday Harbor Sailing Club will begin 11 a.m. Sunday in Griffin Bay.

Subsequent races will be at the same time and place Oct. 2, 16, 30 and Nov. 6. Anyone interested in competing should contact Hugh Lawrence at 378-2443.

Wally Lum wins LeMans; *Blondie* crew passes by *Old Crow*

Sept 28/1988

Two days of racing action took place last weekend.

The annual LeMans race was Saturday. Five boats competed in this unique event sponsored by San Juan Canvas Co. The first boat to finish was captained by Wally Lum. The second was by Stan Miller.

The first of the fall series sponsored by the Friday Harbor Sailing Club was Sunday in Griffin Bay in six to 12 knots

of southerly breeze. First in the one design class was Sunny Vynne, expertly sailing his *Etchells*.

Results of the ~~cruising/racing~~ class were: first, *Corsair*, Steve Swanburg; *Grasshopper*, Gary Boothman, second; *Ulan Bator*, Hugh Lawrence, third.

The on-going fierce competition between Tami Oldham aboard *Blondie* and Samantha Bryner aboard *Old Crow* ended this week with *Blondie* finishing

fourth and *Old Crow* finishing fifth. Bryner outwitted Oldham on the windward leg, only to fall behind as the *Blondie* crew shaved the needed seconds off their time rounding the windward mark.

The second fall series race will be at 11 a.m. Sunday. The race committee requests a punctual start. Call Hugh Lawrence, 378-2443, for more information.

Blondie bags first victory in 12-knot breezes in Griffin Bay race sponsor

Oct 5/1988

Race two of the fall series sponsored by the Friday Harbor Sailing Club brought 12 boats out in Griffin Bay last Sunday to enjoy the sunshine and six- to 12-knot breezes.

After a last-minute wind change prompted changing the starting line, a close start and wild beat to the first

mark ensued.

Rounding the first mark the fleet divided. One group tacked towards shore to take advantage of the tidal back eddies. The bolder held a more direct course gambling on the building southerly wind. This week the gamblers won, the strong lift given by the increasing

wind proved stronger than the opposing current.

Blondie with Tami Oldham at the helm, bagged her first victory, with a corrected time 45 seconds faster than second-place *Corsair* driven by Steve Swanburg. *Ulan Bator* with Hugh Lawrence placed third, and *Grasshopper*

Griffin Bay race sponsored by FH Sailing Club

Blondie with Tami Oldham at the helm, bagged her first victory, with a corrected time 45 seconds faster than second-place *Corsair* driven by Steve Swanburg. *Ulan Bator* with Hugh Lawrence placed third, and *Grasshopper*

with Gary Boothman was fourth. The first four boats finished within three minutes.

In the one design fleet, *Alcor* skippered by Sunny Vynne narrowly escaped the pursuing *Critter* driven by Arne Bentzen. *Comet*, with Art Lowery, trailed by a mere 88 seconds.

Frustrating winds mar third race in Fall series

Oct 19/1988

Light, frustrating winds antagonized the four entrants in the third race of the Friday Harbor Sailing Club's Fall Series. Master of local knowledge Steve Swanberg captured a great lift on the windward leg, bringing *Corsair* to victory. *Ulan Bator*, with Hugh Lawrence at the helm, was next out of the doldrums placing second.

In the "may the best woman win" race within a race, *Blondie* with Tami Oldham finished third and *Old Crow* driven by Samantha Bryner was fourth.

Three of our most active sailors were absent this week.

Sunny Vynne, John Bentzen and Arne Bentzen traveled to San Francisco to participate in the Masters Regatta. Sponsored by the St. Francis Yacht Club, this prestigious event is open to skippers 65 years of age who have won a world championship. The crew members must be over fifty years of age. The four-race series is sailed in J-24s.

After the first day of racing the Vynne crew was tied for first place.

The unsung heroes of any race make up the race committee. In the heat of the excitement we may seem ungrateful, but we really do love you guys. A hearty salute goes to the motor vessel *Restless*, skipper John Lions, Bob Padgett and Bill Rice.

Time is running out for the hardy souls doing the around-the-county race. Entries close Oct. 30 for this two-day event starting Nov. 11.

Ghost Rider leads fleet in light winds to Blakely Shoals

Oct 26/1988

Light winds prevailed Sunday for the second race in the Orcas Island Fall Series held from Twin Rocks to Blakely Shoals and back. Leading the active Soling fleet was Ian Wareham aboard his new boat *Ghost Rider*. Second place went to Wally Lum on *Red Tide* and third

to Sid Karnikas on *Indecision*.

The big upset of the day was George Hiss, driving his classic sloop *Shark* beating two of the hot rod Solings over the line and winning the PHRF division.

With only two races to go in the Friday Harbor Sailing Club Fall Series the

tension is mounting. The fourth race will be Sunday at Griffin Bay with an 11 a.m. start.

October 31 is the entry deadline for the around the county race sponsored by the Orcas Island Yacht Club and the Friday Harbor Sailing Club.

Johnson takes first prize in 64-mile trek

Nov 16/1988

Two days of exhilarating sailing marked the first annual Around-the-County race sponsored by the Orcas Yacht Club and Friday Harbor Sailing Club.

This bold approach to a late-season regatta brought out only the most adventurous yachtsmen from Seattle, Bellingham, Anacortes and the San Juans. Under PHRF rules, great emphasis on safety equipment was maintained.

Lighted man-overboard poles, life lines and emergency running lights were mandatory. The race committee was well aware of the potential hazards of sailing in the unpredictable November weather. This hazard was intensified by short daylight hours.

THE FIRST LEG of the 64-mile course started Friday at the east end of Obstruction Pass. Heading south into the Strait of Juan de Fuca from between Lopez and San Juan Islands, this 31-mile leg ended at Roche Harbor.

Near gale-force winds provided for a wild spinnaker run and double-digit speeds. Being pulled through rolling seas by an unruly spinnaker at 10 knots is simply the most fun 10 knots can be!

Day two brought the 13 hardy competitors back out in blustering southerlies, starting at Roche and blasting down the

run to Patos Island. Rounding Patos, the spinnakers dropped and a beat up the east side of Orcas finished the race.

After spending Friday grumbling around my office and peering out the window whining, I was lucky enough to catch a ride for day two with Gary Boothman's *Grasshopper* and her skilled crew.

Foredeck or "deck ape" is my usual position. That region forward of the mast is reserved for the person that every crew needs and nobody envies. On this trip I was able to observe a true master, Vern Tator, leap, crawl and slide across the foredeck in the wildest ride all year.

With mile after mile of downhill running in heavy swells with stiff winds, this was the big boats' turn to shine. Inisfail brilliantly skippered by Phil Johnson captured first place in division two and first place over-all.

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Hooligan driven by Tom O'Brien won division one and placed second over-all. *Ulan Bator* with Hugh Lawrence at the helm placed second in division two and third over-all.

NO GOOD SAILBOAT regatta comes without social activities, and this was no exception. The Orcas Island Yacht Club graciously hosted gatherings before and after. There were good times as well at Roche Harbor on Friday night.

The festivities were brought to a close Sunday morning at a brunch and awards ceremony. Commodore Howard Elsemann acknowledged Betsy Wareham's efforts in organizing this event. Exquisite silver trophies and plaques, donated by West Sound Marina and Islanders Bank were distributed to the victors. In addition, each participant received a plaque.

Commodore Elsemann pointed out that in few places can one circumnavigate an entire county, and nowhere is better suited for such a race.

This should be the beginning of another great San Juan boating tradition. Our skipper Gary, smiling through the salt spray on his beard, summed it up as "the two best days of sailing ever."

Junior Bentzen brothers beat out rival elders in polar bear race

1988

Restricted to the bravest and purest of heart, the first annual Polar Bear Catamaran Race brought a dramatic end to the 1988 boating year.

Sponsored by the Friday Harbor Sailing Club, the race began at the entrance to Shipyard Cove Marina and followed a windward beat to the Reid Rock buoy. A dashing reach to Lopez Island, rounding the marker at the Fisherman Bay entrance, was then followed by the long run back to Shipyard Cove and the finish of the eight-nautical-mile course.

Racing lightweight catamarans in gnarly winter conditions with only a rubberized suit between sailor and sea is what brings the Bentzen family together. Four of the five boats were skippered by members of the island's premier sailing clan.

The junior Bentzens prevailed in the fierce family rivalry, with Eric riding

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his Hobie Cat 16 to victory and Dan placing third aboard his incredible Hobie Cat 21.

The elder Bentzen brothers, Arne and John, pushed their little boats too hard trying to keep up with their offspring. John's blown main sail ended his race day and Arne suffered a demasting caused by a broken shroud.

Darren Oishefsky, sailing single handed, recovered from a capsizing at the first mark to place second in the event.



John and Gloria Bentzen





Arne and Judy Bentzen



Dan Bentzen on his catamaran,
Two Steak Knives with crew,
Paul Whittier and Kurt Willows

