



# FHSC Working Jib



## Friday Harbor Sailing Club

### View From the Helm ~ Susan Eberhard, Commodore



What a glorious end of October we are having!! Fall is definitely in the air and the turning trees add their vibrant colors to our already beautiful scenery on the island, but the sun is making it even more special! It all reminds me, though, that end of year activities are approaching quickly. A special thanks again this year to Howard & Mary Lewis and Dennis & Therese Pratt for hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mitchell Bay International race and dinner. The winds on Saturday made for an exciting day of racing and managed to calm down enough for the dinner so the tents didn't fly away. It turned into a beautiful evening and Sunday offered another day of good racing. If you've missed this event, put it on your calendar for next year – it's a great way to close out the boating/racing season. The last race of the season is quickly upon us – Round-The-County-Race on November 8-9. Our club will again be hosting the party barge at Roche Harbor, offering a place for racers to BBQ their own dinner, socialize with other racers, and hopefully stay warm. Many of you have already volunteered to help, but there is always a need, so plan to come and join in a fun evening with racers from all over Puget Sound and Canada.

By the time you receive this newsletter our National elections will be history, but we still have our club elections coming up. A ballot is included in this newsletter, so if for some unknown reason you are not able to attend the November General Meeting, complete your ballot and mail it in so that it arrives before the meeting. We have another great slate of officers for 2009! In addition to holding our club elections, Bob Query has lined up a great speaker for our November meeting – check out his column. Laura, the manager of our local West Marine store was our speaker last month. She brought us up to date on West Marine and some new products being offered as well as enticing us to bring her back next year with her husband to talk about their sailing adventure from Hawaii to Friday Harbor. So if you are missing our monthly general meetings, in addition to missing out on a great potluck and camaraderie with other boaters and good friends, you're missing out on our array of interesting programs!

Even though it's early November, our December club activities are almost upon us. Start the holiday season on December 6<sup>th</sup> with the Lighted Boat Parade. Thanks again this year to Gloria Bentzen for leading this event for us. Last year we had a record number of boats in the parade – let's try to exceed it this year! This is a great event for the community and if you haven't participated in past years or viewed the parade from the shore, you are really missing a beautiful event and a wonderful start to the holiday season! Our club holiday dinner follows the next week, this year coming on Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Reservation forms are being mailed, so check your dinner preference and mail it in early. Once again this year at the holiday dinner, in conjunction with the San Juan Island Family Resource Center, you will be able to bring a book as a holiday gift for an under-privileged child on the island. Given the current economic challenges of many families, this is a wonderful way to give something back to this great community. Additional details can be found inside this newsletter.

Looking ahead a bit, in the next month you will be receiving your membership renewal notice for 2009. As we look to moving the newsletter to an electronic email format next year, it is very important that we have a correct email address for you! Also, take a careful look at your address, phone number, boat name and information to make sure they are all correct and current. A lot of work goes into producing our club roster each year and we want to make sure that when you receive it the information is accurate!

I look forward to seeing all of you at our year-end club events as well as the November general meeting. We've missed many of you at the Grange, so I hope you will join us this month for club elections, great fellowship, and an interesting program!!

*Susan*

### November Events

November 8-9

*'Round the County Race*

November 11<sup>th</sup>

*Grange Mtg. Elections*



November 14<sup>th</sup>

*Bowling Night*

November 17<sup>th</sup>

*Board Mtg.*

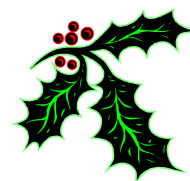
### In December

December 6<sup>th</sup>

*Lighted Boat Parade*

December 11<sup>th</sup>

*Holiday Party*



## At the Grange ~ Bob Query, Vice Commodore

Hi all: This is my last message as Vice Commodore. I look forward to "retirement" and watching our new Vice-Commodore entertain us with what I am sure will be a year of adventures and surprises. This month we will have Nick Teague, from the Washington State Bureau of Land Management, who is in charge of the Patos Lighthouse Restoration Project. If you want to learn more about this important and historic site before the meeting, check out [www.lightkeepers.org](http://www.lightkeepers.org). I hope we have a great turn-out and will look forward to seeing you there.



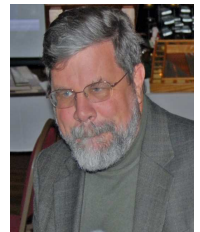
## On the Water ~ John Manning, Rear Commodore

It's getting dark earlier and we're waiting longer for the sun to rise. At this time of year cruises to distant harbors are more likely to be day dreams than practical plans. But don't forget to take advantage of those perfect fall and winter days. When the cool clear air brings Mt. Baker to the edge of the bay and you feel like you could reach it on the next tack. Winter cruises may be short sprints through a weather window, but they can also be cozy nights on board with a warm fire as the winter winds rock the boat.

So, poetry aside, get out there and enjoy some short winter cruises.

Fair winds,

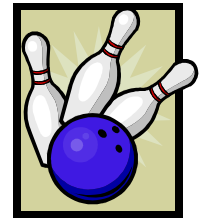
John M.



## Having All the Fun ~ Shireene Hale, Social Chair

Fall Greetings,

With the busy summer months behind us, social activities within the club are picking up. The "Round the County Race", a fund raiser sponsored with the Orcas Island Yacht Club, is scheduled for November 8-9. Thanks to all who signed up to help with the party barge and festivities on Saturday night.



We're going bowling! Friday November 14<sup>th</sup> is our bowling night. Plan to meet your fellow boaters at 5:15 for a bite to eat, with bowling to follow. Details at the general meeting!

Our annual holiday party is scheduled for Thursday December 11th at the San Juan Island Yacht Club. A separate invitation will be mailed, but here's a preview: Kathy Chadwick's FHSC 'holiday punch' will be served at 6:00, dinner will be served at 7:00, followed by the annual awards ceremony and installation of new officers. Cost is \$30 per person and dinner is BYOB. Payment to the Friday Harbor Sailing Club must be received by December 1st. Please mail your reservation to: Shireene Hale, P.O. Box 693, Friday Harbor, WA 98250. If you have questions, please feel free to call ~ 378-9797.

Finally, we could use assistance with table decorations for the November potluck. If you have the time and inclination, your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Kind regards,

Shireene

## The Racing Fleet ~ Paul Barger, Fleet Captain



### Report from the Mitchell Bay International Series October 4th & 5th

Great rounds of thank yous to Dennis Pratt and Howard & Mary Lewis for making this such a fun event...Cooked breakfast for the racers, classic outdoor grilled dinner with side dishes and cake desserts Saturday night. Highest regards to each of them.

Racing Saturday: Hellacious wind all day...20, 25 kts and more! Four hours of thrilling rail-hugging excitement! LIBERTY captured the PHRF first places this day, but there was good competition. The third race was decided by just two seconds. Safety required the courses be set close in to Mitchell Bay rather than into Haro Strait. Fleet Captain noticed many broad smiles at the dock! Indeed.

Sunday: The weather moderated to more normal light air with a highlight of good wind to and from Kelp Reef Light for good racing until the wind bucket went empty...Victoria Traffic told us that there was no shipping expected in Haro Strait during the race to Kelp Reef, but sure enough, a very large and fast container ship appeared southbound as the fleet crossed, adding an increment of excitement as several objects attempted to occupy the same place in space. SCARLET DE HARO turned the tables on LIBERTY, scoring the first places for the day, in the first race, by just one second. Later in the day, a course was sailed into Mosquito Pass, and proving that timing is everything, SCARLET rounded the northward mark in Race 7 early enough to escape a total dump of wind that becalmed everyone else while SCARLET took a 25 elapsed-minute lead. CEST LA VIE sailed in the Cruising Class, posting times that would have placed in PHRF. See the newsletter insert for full race results.

## BOOKS FOR KIDS

### A FHSC HOLIDAY TRADITION

One of the events that our 2007 Commodore Chuck Rust was particularly proud of was the "Books for Kids" gift giving as part of our holiday celebration. Commodore Susan Eberhard has decided to continue this (making it a tradition) and Joyce Sobel, Director of the San Juan Island Family Resource Center has provided us with a list of book recommendations. The list is included in this newsletter. Participation is entirely voluntary, but everyone is encouraged to participate. Our current economic environment has impacted many island families and your gift could make a huge difference in a child's holiday. To learn more about the importance of reading for children, please visit [www.readingfoundation.org](http://www.readingfoundation.org)

Please gift-wrap your gift and indicate (on a gift tag or other label) if the book is best suited to a boy or girl and for approximately what age group (ask the bookseller, if you don't know!). Last year we donated more than fifty books to youth on our island. Let's continue that tradition!

Thank you in advance from your Commodore and board!



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## SHIP'S LOG ~ KAREN PALMER, SECRETARY



FHSC Board Meeting held October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008 @ AMERICAN LEGION HALL

Members Present: Susan Eberhard-Commodore, Karen Palmer-Secretary, Chuck Rust-Staff Commodore, Dave Ross-Treasurer, John Manning-Rear Commodore, Lloyd Bacon-Trustee, Bill VanSkyhawk-Trustee, Torry Johnson-Trustee. Also Present Rainer Eberhard, Ed Hale, Norma Mason-Historian, Shireene Hale-Social Chair. Absent: Bob Query-Vice Commodore, Paul Barger-Fleet Captain, Bonnie Gilmore-Editor, Les Arnott-Web Master

### Officer Reports:

Commodore's Report: Susan Eberhard

Warren Everson Award criteria were reviewed and nominations accepted. The board voted and selected this year's recipient to be awarded at the holiday party.

Treasurer's Report-Dave Ross:

Dave reported that as of 10/20/08 the club has a net cash balance of \$9,690.50. Outstanding expenditures include trophies, holiday party and PrintOnyx late billing.

Vice-Commodore's Report-Bob Query

Nick Teague from the Patos Island Lighthouse Renewal project will be our speaker for November.

Rear Commodore's Report-John Manning:

John apologized to those that did not get the notice that the crab fest was moved to Lopez from Blakely at the last minute. Seems the marina manager that took our reservations quit and didn't inform the owners of the event, therefore the facility was double booked. We will not know if Blakely will be available until May of next year. In the meantime we will be looking for another venue.

Social Chair's Report-Shireene Hale:

FHSC Holiday and Annual Awards Banquet is Thursday December 11th. We decided to continue with children's book donation as part of the event. A "recommended list" of books will be in the newsletter. We will continue with a slide show adding music. The club will supplement the cost, making the fee \$30. per person. BOYB with some punch provided.

Fleet Captain's Report-Paul Barger:

FHSC/Orcas Yacht Club, Round-The-County Race November 8-9th. FHSC provides two boats on Saturday; one at Salmon Bank ½ mark and one at Roche Harbor for 1<sup>st</sup> day's finish and 2<sup>nd</sup> day start. Staffing, decorations and BBQ at party barge on Saturday at Roche Harbor will be handled by Lloyd and Mary Bacon.

Newsletter Report-Bonnie Gilmore

Going ON-LINE starting January 2009. PLEASE UPDATE YOUR E-MAIL WITH YOUR 2009 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL.

Web Site-Les Arnott.

Working on establishing a photo sharing site for the club.

The next board meeting will be held on Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at the American Legion, Friday Harbor.



# OFFICIAL BALLOT

## 2009 FHSC ELECTIONS

The following slate of officers has been proposed by the nominating committee. Each person has agreed to serve if elected. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the November general meeting or may be submitted as 'write-in' candidates on this ballot.

Commodore	John Manning
Vice Commodore	Rebecca Hughes
Rear Commodore	Ed Hale
Fleet Captain	Paul Barger
Treasurer	Dave Ross
Staff Commodore	Susan Eberhard
Co-Social Chair	Karen Palmer and Susie Hendrix
Secretary	Therese Pratt
Trustee	Chuck Rust

If you will NOT be in attendance at the November 11th meeting, please indicate your vote for the slate as presented, or indicate your write-in candidate(s) below. Remove this page and mail it in! Please also be certain that your write-in candidate is willing to serve. Thank you for voting!

Commodore	_____
Vice Commodore	_____
Rear Commodore	_____
Fleet Captain	_____
Treasurer	_____
Staff Commodore	Automatic position of current Commodore
Social Chair	_____
Secretary	_____
Trustee	_____

I vote for the slate as presented above: \_\_\_\_\_ (please check)  
I have indicated my nomination)/vote for write-in candidates: \_\_\_\_\_ (please check)

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Absentee ballots must be received NO LATER THAN Tuesday, November 11th and should be mailed to: FHSC ~ P.O. Box 62, Friday Harbor, WA 98250**

# The Last Blackberry to Be Picked

## Or

### Squeezing Out the "Last Cruise" of the Year.

This weather has been too much! You keep putting off the "honey-do's" waiting for the rain to come and then you can "sort through your sock drawer". But you get too anxious when the sun shines and you look out your deck and see places on Vancouver Island and wonder where they are and what it would be like to sail there. Sure enough it was time to go as life is getting too short." It is amazing what islands and gungholes you can make in two days if you ride the tide! You can sit and worry about Wall Street's greed or you can say "shove it", and go for a ride!

We had always heard about Butchart Gardens and how you could anchor off the cliffs and watch the fireworks from your boat so we decided to check it out. We took off from Mitchell Bay, (home of the Mitchell Bay International Regatta and Cook Out). It was a crisp sunny day. The winds were perfect for a close haul to Sidney to clear customs. When we got near Halibut Island we could see lots of "sheep grazing down on the sea" (otherwise known as white-caps) and knew we were in for some wind. We battened down the insides and headed into it with full main and a smaller jib than we normally run. It was fun, lots of swells and spray; we even had to use the windshield wipers to be able to see. When we got to Sidney Spit, we went to a reach straight into the Sidney Marina. As we were going in, there was a Nordic Tug with American flags racing us into Customs. As we got to the dock, there was the only American boat with their flag flying in these waters tying up in the center of a 50 ft long Custom's dock blocking off both ends for any other boat. You wonder why we get a bad rap out there with inconsiderate boaters (most likely charter), doing things like that. I made a point to squeeze in backwards leaving 10 ft of my nose hanging over the dock. Not once did the skipper notice that another vessel was trying to land. Upon excellent docking on our part, and having the occupants (I won't call them mariners) stare at us docking I had to ask him..."We aren't taking up any of your space are we?" He replied seriously, no, you are fine." Let's be considerate and concerned about making a good impression with our boating skills and courtesy while in Canada. They already think we are a bunch of militant Hell's Angels.

After clearing, we took off to navigate Page Passage with its nice swift current and beautiful looking islands of Fernie and Johnson on the port side and Harlock and Kolb on starboard. It was like a small Sansum Narrows. Then into Iroquois Passage and into the middle of Swartz Bay where three large B.C. ferries were "waiting to run over us". We called into Victoria traffic to get their departure times to be sure we were out of their way and all was well, we had 30 minutes to get across before they took off. We shot all the way through Satellite Channel with the jenny up and looking at all the wonderful homes lining the shore. They say it's the calmest waters in all of B.C. Into Saanich Inlet, past Victoria international airport with Mt. Taum rising behind us on Salt Spring Island. The G.P.S. said we would arrive at Brentwood Bay just as the sun went down but of course the times are not taking into consideration the large mountains surrounding us. We dropped the sails and headed for where the GPS said there were marinas. We found a wide berth and went on in to be greeted by the new harbor master of what we thought was the public dock, but it turned out to be Angler's Anchorage. They had just done a major renovation and it was looking nice. The harbor master fell in love with our three dogs and told us tonight was on the house. There was a great Cajun food restaurant called Blues Bayou Café. Out on stilts and on the water; small and cozy! Time to watch DVD's and enjoy the evening on board. Next morning it was up to coffee and out for a walk about the neighborhood. Then it was into the dinghy and off to check out Todd Inlet.

I have to tell you that it could have been Princess Louisa inlet as it was that majestic with huge tree covered mountains and sandy beaches on each side. Then it was a hike to the outer edges of Butchart Gardens. There was no one around and really pristine. We took the dinghy to the access docks of Butchart and it's just a small row from Angler's Anchorage. Back in the boat and on to the next pocket cruise location.

Norris (with Karen) Palmer, S/V Fragile Habitat



## FHSC Books for Kids ~ Recommended Book Titles

Blank Journals – both lined and unlined - are very popular – especially with the girls.

Surviving Zits: How to cope with your changing self by Sandy Silverthorne

Surviving Middle School: How to manage the maze by Sandy Silverthorne

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Tome Indian by Sherman Alexie

The Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky

The Giver by Lois Lowry

*Last year the following were in high demand and they are now out in “pocket versions”:*

The Dangerous Book for Boys by Conn Iggulden and Hal Iggulden

The Daring Book for Girls by Andrea J. Buchanan and Miriam Peskowitz

*Series are popular, but may be a bit harder since students often want more than one, but here are some popular ones right now:*

Percy Jackson and the Olympians series by Rick Riordan

The Lightning Thief, The Sea of Monsters, The Titan’s Curse, The Battle of the Labyrinth

The Twilight Saga by Stephanie Meyer

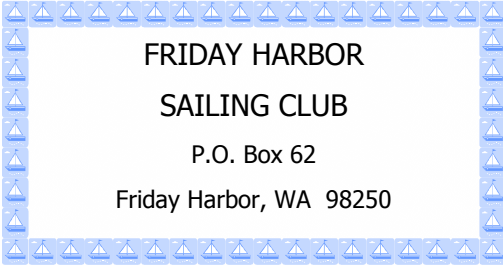
Twilight, New Moon, Breaking Dawn

Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants by Ann Brashares

Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants, The Second Summer of the Sisterhood, Girls in Pants, Forever in Blue

Sadie Lee Henry (Rust) with “Five Little Pumpkins” ~ Portland, Oregon





A reminder that the season isn't over! The annual 'Round the County Race is November 8th and 9th. This race is sponsored by our club and the Orcas Island Yacht Club and is one of the premier racing events of the season.

Club Members are invited to attend the picnic style BBQ on the party barge at Roche Harbor on Saturday November 8<sup>th</sup> from 4pm until 8:00. We also need volunteers to help with FHSC duties at this event. Please contact Shireene Hale or Lloyd Bacon if you would like to help. Your newsletter editor can testify from many years of experience that this is a fun event and a great way to spend a cold autumn evening!

This year we have the use of two comfortable party barges until late in the evening. On the barge there will be two hot BBQ grills available to racers and to club members. FHSC will provide BBQ tools, paper plates, napkins, condiments, utensils and coffee. Bring your own meat to grill, or whatever sounds good to you! You may also bring your own beverages, be they alcoholic or otherwise.



## The 21st Century Working Jib

Okay, so we're almost a decade late. Y-2K concerns being far behind us, we'll begin sending The Working Jib via Email beginning in January. (Blind copy to all, so your Email address will not be displayed to others.) This transition will save the club approximately \$1,000 annually and will get our newsletter to members much earlier than in the past. We will also post it on our website and continue to provide copies to local retailers and to any members who do not have Email.

Here's the rub. We **MUST** have your current Email address no later than December 20th. Most members have their Email listed in our roster, but you may prefer a different address, or have changes since the beginning of the year. We'll send around sign-up sheets and make every effort to include you, but if you have changes from the roster, please contact Bonnie Gilmore now ~ wildrose@rockisland.com or 378-5911.