



FHSC Working Jib



Friday Harbor Sailing Club

View From the Helm ~ Susan Eberhard, Commodore



Happy Holidays!! It's hard to believe this is my last column of the year! They say time goes faster as you get older, but 2008 seems to have flown by even faster than I expected... I hope everyone can look back on this year, as I can, and review all the fun activities that were a part of our club. From the monthly general meetings, to the races and cruises, and the flea market, I hope that you found that 'just right' event for you and your boat. 2009 is already starting to take shape as our new Commodore, **John Manning** and his new board begin planning for the new year. Congratulations, John on taking the helm! And a special thank you to the 2008 board as well as everyone in the club for making this last year a success. We saw some extended cruises this year as well as weekend cruises to some of our more local favorite spots, lots of races (some with more wind than was wanted and some with less), another very successful Flotsam Sea & Flea Market (thank-you Gloria!), and many interesting speakers at our monthly general meetings. So if you missed these, start making your plans for the coming year to participate!

The Round the County race was another successful event this year. Thanks to Lloyd & Mary Bacon for organizing and decorating the new, expanded, warm party barge! The crowd this year on the barge was larger than we have seen in the past – was it the free beer, the warm tent, the milder than normal temperature, or strong racing winds on Saturday? Whatever it was, everyone seemed to have a great time. Thanks, also to Hawks Moon for being the race committee boat at Roche Harbor and to Shireene for the food. Even though this was the last race of the year, there is still one more chance to get your boat out on the water and participate in the Lighted Boat Parade on December 6th. Thanks again this year to Gloria Bentzen for organizing and advertising the parade – we were up to 22 boats the last I heard so this looks to be another beautiful show of boats to start off the holiday season! Whether you watch from the shore or participate on a boat this is a wonderful way to start getting into the holiday spirit. And if you haven't signed up for our annual Holiday Party, do so immediately by mailing in your reservation to Shireene. This is our one 'formal' event of the year, so dress up in your holiday finest and join our last social event of the year as we recognize our winning racers and others who will receive awards for their club activities – you don't even have to bring a potluck dish to share! We are also continuing a 'tradition' at the holiday party of providing members with an opportunity to donate books to low-income children on the island – a great way to start the holiday.

I'm writing this as Rainer and I sit in sunny, cool California. We're enjoying the sun, but thinking about all that is coming up on the calendar is starting make to us homesick as we long for less traffic and miss the beautiful views. We hope you have all had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday and we look forward to being back on the island in time to participate in all the year end activities. 2009 will bring a lot of ongoing, fun activities for all of us to enjoy. The FHSC is a wonderful group of people and I want to thank everyone for making this past year in the club another successful year! As John Manning and his new board assume the leadership role next year, I know we will see a continuation of the diverse activities and wonderful camaraderie that make our club so special! Enjoy this special time of the year with friends and family – Happy Holidays!

Susan

December Events

*December 6th
Lighted Boat Parade*



*December 11th
Holiday Party*

Coming in January 2009

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

*January 1st
Salute the
Compass
Shipyard Cove*

*January 13th
Grange Meeting
Cruising with
Laura Wong-Rose*

Having All the Fun ~ Shireene Hale, Social Chair

Holiday greetings!

I hope you have all been enjoying time with friends and family. With the election of next year's officers it will soon be time to begin planning our 2009 events. Please begin thinking about the events you would like to participate in, and consider volunteering to help those doing the organizing.

Thanks to all who helped make the Round the County Race a success. The free beer on the party barge was a hit and everyone seemed to have a good time, both racing and socializing.

A small but enthusiastic group participated in bowling night. It was entertaining, particularly since most of us had not bowled in quite some time. Kathy Chadwick had the high score at 124.

Don't miss our holiday party which is scheduled for Thursday, December 11th at the Yacht Club! Thanks to Susan and Bonnie for designing the festive invitations. If you haven't done so, be sure to sign up prior to December 1st, and don't forget to specify your choice of entrée. Finally, please consider participating in our gifts for kids activity. A suggested book list is included in this issue of the Working Jib, and your gift will make a difference in a child's holiday.

Cheers,

Shireene Hale



The Racing Fleet ~ Paul Barger, Fleet Captain



Report from 2009 'Round the County Race

November 8th & 9th

The Orcas Island Yacht Club and Friday Harbor Sailing Club collaborate each November to conduct one of the region's premier sailing events, the Round the County Race. Typically, sixty or more boats compete over two days sailing on a 68 NM course around the islands of San Juan County, alternating a clockwise or counterclockwise direction each year. 2008's race was clockwise. See the newsletter insert for full race results.

2009 FLOTSAM SEA & FLEA MARKET

Admittedly, it's too early for spring cleaning. But as you dig into the back of your closets looking for holiday wrapping paper and stumble across three pairs of foul weather gear, or ponder what to do with that gift that wasn't on your wish list, remember that the 3rd annual FHSC Sea and Flea Market will be held on Saturday, April 11th. Organizers Rebecca Hughes and Howard Crowell remind us that this event is held on the weekend before tax day in order to help us with our obligation to Uncle Sam, or at least pay for a stiff one after we mail our check on the 15th. Our 2008 event was a tremendous success, in great part to the efforts of Gloria Bentzen, assisted by a long list of club members. Aside from being a fundraiser for the club and its members, this is a really fun event. It's not too early to plan for this year. Check back for details, or contact Rebecca or Gloria if you have questions that can't wait!



BOOKS FOR KIDS

A FHSC HOLIDAY TRADITION

As mentioned in the November issue of the Working Jib, one of the events that 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 event, and Joyce Sobel, Director of the San Juan Island Family Resource Center has provided us with a list of book recommendations. The list was included in the November newsletter and is included again this month as a reminder. 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

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!



AN UNABASHED PLUG

For those of you who subscribe to "Practical Sailor", unsolicited kudos to exceptional manufacturers or retailers is nothing new. In that vein, Staff Commodore Chuck Rust would like to make an unabashed plug for Northwest Rigging, Inc., located in Anacortes. As some of you know, Chuck and crew Lloyd Bacon experienced a shroud failure on Paper Moon on the club's Desolation Sound cruise, resulting in the need for a new mast and total re-rig of the boat. According to Chuck, Northwest Rigging owner Andy Schwenk (veteran of more than thirty Trans-Pac crossings and the Race Chairman of the Anacortes Yacht Club) and his staff were spot on in their assessment of the required repair work, and that the custom Selden mast and upgraded rigging was installed in a professional and extremely precise manner. "I would not hesitate to recommend Andy and his crew for any rigging related work", said Chuck. He was so impressed in fact, that he has suggested to incoming Vice-Commodore Rebecca Hughes that Andy make a presentation at a FHSC meeting so that members can learn more about rigging. Northwest Rigging also does architectural rigging for residences. Ready to have some work done? Check out www.northwestrigging.com



FHSC 2008 LIGHTED BOAT PARADE

It's not too late to participate in the 2008 Lighted Boat Parade. With more than twenty boats already signed up, this promises to be one of the most festive and fun parades in history! Our own Bilbo Bag-gins with Mike and Kathy Chadwick will once again lead the procession. You can join the fleet by contacting Gloria Bentzen at 378-4288. It's fun, it's easy and it's a great way to kick off the holiday season. See you on the water!!

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SHIP'S LOG ~ KAREN PALMER, SECRETARY

November, 2008

FHSC Board Meeting held November 17, 2008 @ AMERICAN LEGION HALL

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

Absent: Bob Querry-Vice Commodore & Les Arnott-Web Master



Officer Reports:

Commodore's Report-Susan Eberhard

Susan thanked the board members and committee members of the FHSC for their service in 2008.

Lighted boat parade has 22 boats as of today. The date of Flotsam Sea & Flea Market is scheduled for 4/11/09, which is the day before the "cruise" event to celebrate Easter at the Lopez Islander on 4/12/09. It is not possible to enter Fisherman's Bay in order to get to the Islander Hotel/Restaurant the morning of the Easter Brunch due to low tides. Therefore, participants in the Flotsam Market would need to leave for Lopez right after the market.

Treasurer's Report-Dave Ross

Cash on hand is \$9230.57.

He will be mailing membership renewal notices out next week. Upon receiving the returned information, he will update his database. Karen Palmer will use this updated contact information in the production of the 2009 Roster.

Vice-Commodore for 2009-Rebecca Hughes

For January's speaker, Rebecca has selected Laura, manager of the Friday Harbor West Marine, to speak with her husband about their experience sailing from Hawaii to Friday Harbor last year, which was full of DRAMA!

Rear Commodore's Report-John Manning

The plan is to have all the cruises planned with locations and racing events decided by end of January. Regarding cruising, Susan suggested that we supply pins/tags for members who participate in cruising events. Then if those members so choose they can display those pins/tags on their boat for others to admire, causing discussion and further interest.

Social Chair's Report-Shireene Hale

The reservations are coming in for the holiday party December 11th, Thursday night at the San Juan Island Yacht Club. They are due by December 1st so send today if you haven't already. The club is subsidizing your \$30 dinner, paying for room rental, tax, punch and dessert. BOYB. We decided to continue with children's book donation as part of the event. A "recommended list" of books is in this newsletter. Norris Palmer will provide a slide show of pictures from FHSC events.

Fleet Captain's Report-Paul Barger

The PHRF Official is still up for assignment for this REGION. Fred Perez has offered his time to this effort for Friday Harbor Sailing Club.

The Round The County was handled by FHSC responsibly with Committee at Roche Harbor for recording finish on Saturday and Starts on Sunday morning. Paul thanked Terry & Linda Lush on "Hawks Moon" who served as the committee boat. The boat stationed at Salmon Bank abandoned station after only 1 hour claiming 12 ft. seas. One boat lost its mast, one boat lost it's steering and was coming towards the committee boat but thankfully missed them.

SHIP'S LOG, CONTINUED

Newsletter Report-Bonnie Gilmore

December's newsletter is to be both e-mailed and sent via snail-mail to work out the bugs in the electronic version. PLEASE UPDATE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS WITH YOUR 2009 MEMBERSHIP RE-NEWAL.

Web Site-Les Arnott

Working on establishing a photo-sharing site for the club.

The next board meeting will be held at John Manning's Home on Monday, December 15th. This will be a New Board/Old Board hand off meeting.

We all thank Susan Eberhard for her service to the club as 2008 Commodore!

FHSC Books for Kids ~ Recommended Book Titles

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

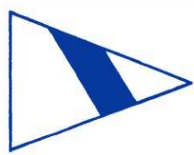
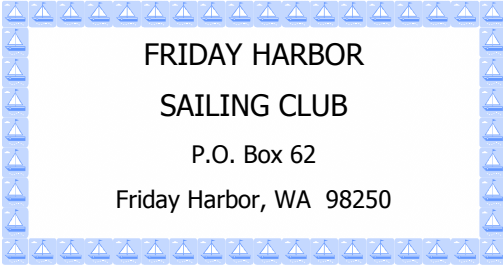
- ◆ Surviving Zits: How to cope with your changing self by Sandy Silverthorne
- ◆ Surviving Middle School: How to manage the maze by Sandy Silverthorne
- ◆ The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie
- ◆ The Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky
- ◆ The Giver by Lois Lowry

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 more costly, 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 and Forever in Blue



What better way to start the new year than to spiff up your wardrobe or your boat. Get ready for our first cruise of the year with a spiffy jacket or new burgee. Friday Harbor Sailing Club gear also makes a great holiday gift!

Burgees	15.00
Canvas Totes	15.00
Coffee Mugs	10.00
Hats (blue)	15.00
Sun Visors	15.00
Denim Shirts (long sleeve)	24.00
Polo Shirts	24.00
Vest (red fleece)	50.00
Jacket (red, white or blue)	65.00

See Jan Champlin, support our Ships Store and show your pride in our Club!



The 21st Century Working Jib

We're on target with our transition to an electronic Working Jib. The newsletter will be sent in both hardcopy (the one in your hand now) and electronic format in December, and if all goes according to plan, we will eliminate the hardcopies in January. This change will save the club more than \$1,000 annually and will get the newsletter to members early enough in the month so that you have no excuse not to calendar club events!

Please send any corrections to your Email address that we have on file to:

wildrose@rockisland.com or contact editor Bonnie Gilmore at 378-5911. The Working Jib will also be posted on the club's website.