



# *The Working Jib*



## **The Friday Harbor Sailing Club Newsletter**

*Merry Christmas!*



**December 2009**

Norris Palmer-Editor

## View From the Helm ~ John Manning, Commodore



I can't believe it is December already. Hope to see you all at the Christmas Party, at Downriggers this year. This one more chance to bring up those sailing stories of a great year.

Speaking of stories, I have recounted both the end of my trip from Hawaii to Ketchikan and the start. The exciting part of course is in the middle. As I mentioned last month, I started north from Honalei, but had to return to fix a halyard problem. I probably should have looked more carefully at all the rigging, as ten days later I just averted major disaster.

The trip north started quite well as I headed almost straight north with southeast trade winds to push me along. The winds eventually moderated and then died for a day.

A front came through and I was trying to head northeast with a fairly strong north wind. After a day or two of that it was getting tiring and the waves were increasing. About 3 a.m. one dark and stormy night I heard a loud bang. I had no idea what it was but the boat was behaving strangely, so I went on deck to investigate. My flash light showed that there was definitely something wrong with the jib. I hooked up my harness to the jack line I had rigged fore and aft and made my way forward. When I got on the fore deck it was clear what the problem was. My forestay had sheared off at the bottom of the turnbuckle. The only forward support for the mast was the jib. Fortunately it had a wired luff.

As quickly as I could I ran the spinnaker halyard forward to the bow to add support, lowered the jib and stared at the stay trying to figure how to fix it. I was lucky as only the lower screw had sheared and I could unwind the turnbuckle body to lengthen the stay. I then was able to get it around a tack hook that was at the base of the fitting. It wasn't as tight as it should be but it did give support. Anyway it worked for the next 1,200 miles.

As this is my last month as Commodore, I want to be sure to thank all the officers who made it an easy job. They do all the work and the Commodore mostly shows up. It has been a great sailing year for me and I have you all to thank for it.

See you on the water, if not sooner.



**2009  
December**

**10th  
Ultimate  
Christmas  
Party-Awards  
Banquet**

**Downriggers'  
Restaurant  
6:00 PM**

**12th  
Lighted Boat  
Parade Friday  
Harbor**

## Arranging Your Meetings ~ Rebecca Hughes , Vice Commodore



Please join us at Downriggers Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> for the holiday spirit, good friends and good food. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Cheers,  
Rebecca Hughes



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Taking You All Over ~ Ed Hale , Rear Commodore



## Making Sure It's All There ~ Theresa Pratt, Secretary



### SHIP'S LOG

Highlights of the FHSC Board Meeting, 11-16-09

Secretary, Therese Pratt

Members present: Commodore John Manning, Vice-Commodore Rebecca Hughes, Rear Commodore Ed Hale, Staff Commodore and Acting Treasurer Susan Eberhard, Secretary Therese Pratt, Fleet Captain Paul Barger, Social Co-Chair Karen Palmer, Trustees Lloyd Bacon and Bill VanSkyhawk, Newsletter Editor Norris Palmer, and guest member Rainer Eberhard.

The \$500 donation to the Sailing Foundation will come from the Rudi Fund, held in a separate account at Islanders Bank. The fund will remain intact to help pay for our racing needs.

The Board voted by secret ballot to choose one of two nominees for the Warren Everson Award and discussed possible nominees for the recipient of this year's Anchoring Award, to be ultimately decided by Commodore Manning.

Acting Treasurer Susan Eberhard reported our present total cash position as \$8,190.94. Her accounting indicates that the club has saved by having the electronic newsletter and has realized more than expected in new memberships. She described her search for a suitable, inexpensive laptop computer on which to store all the Treasurer's records. After much discussion, she motioned that the Board authorize the expenditure of up to \$750 for a Dell Inspiron 15, the required adaptor and printer cords, and new software. The motion was seconded and passed.

Social Co-Chair Karen Palmer confirmed that the preparations for the holiday party are well underway. Member Anne Benedict will be creating the decorations. Members bringing wine will pay a \$7 corkage fee to the waiter. Since the budget may be sufficient to provide a small appetizer, Karen will check with Downriggers to see if this is feasible. Newsletter Editor Norris Palmer will be taking photos.

December 12th is the date of the Lighted Boat Parade. Member Dennis Pratt is working as a liaison with the Lions Club and the co-coordinator of our club's participation which includes advertising, obtaining permits, and recruiting and instructing participants.

Commodore Manning said a volunteer will be needed for next year's roster.

Fleet Captain Paul Barger reported that our Haberdasher Mary-Brooke Barger conducted a very successful "fire sale" at the November general meeting and is very excited about adding more women's apparel to the inventory.

Newsletter Editor Norris Palmer expressed his desire to produce a DVD illustrating the many activities of our club. It would be featured on the website and could perhaps generate funds. A motion to have Norris proceed with the project was seconded and carried by the Board.





***Good Job Paul  
On the  
Round the County***



## Getting The Party Going ~ Karen Palmer, Susie Hendrix , Social Chairs



Happy Holidays!

We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We as Islanders have a lot to be thankful for.

Susie and I want to express our heartfelt appreciation to our 2009 social committee who together made our jobs facilitating the social activities of the club flow smoothly & seemingly without a hitch.

Committee members included Mary Lou Sternitzke, Norma Mason, Ruth Ann Krooswyk, Jayne Hemmerich & Mary Granger. Thank you for a successful year.

The praise coming out of our clubs efforts to host the party barge during the Round the County Race were covered by December's Edition of 48 Degrees Sailing magazine check them out at <http://www.48north.com>

Here is what they said: *"The Race Committee was kept busy as boats finished in tight groups and all before 1500 hours. Everyone secured boats and wandered the docks visiting and then heading to the party barge to BBQ. The Friday Harbor Sailing Club did a great Job as our hosts."*

Good Job Everyone both on the barge and out in the water!

Please consider volunteering in 2010 to help Brenda Pound, our New Social Director,

HOLIDAY PARTY December 10<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM Downriggers.

Mail your reservation and payment today to: FHSC, PO Box 62, FH

You may bring your own wine and Downriggers will charge you a \$7. per bottle corkage fee.

Join us at our next general meeting/pot luck dinner at the Grange, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Karen & Susie



## Keeping New Members Coming ~ Susan Eberhard , Staff Commodore



We welcomed two new members to the club in November – both with a history of sailing!

**Dan Shelley** has lived on the island for about 7 years, moving here with his wife from Portland. They bought ten acres of timberland and spent about three years building their house and developing an acre of garden and orchard. Dan has worked in construction and woodworking most of his life and is self employed as a woodworker, mostly making cabinets. Dan started taking sailing classes in 1982 in Portland and a week later bought his first boat, a Catalina 22. After that came a Santana 27 that he sailed on the Columbia River for several years. In 2001, after being boatless for a while he bought a 1972 San Juan 24 that he restored. He still has that boat today. A few years ago he started to get interested in the William Garden designed Mariners, resulting in the purchase of a Mariner 32 ketch that had been sitting in a storage yard in Salt Lake City for 20 years. Built in Japan in 1972, he had it trucked to Friday Harbor where it now resides next to his shop – a total rebuild project is getting underway. We hope to see Dan in some races next year in the San Juan 24 or the Mariner ketch?



**Curtis Sluyter** splits his time between Portland and the San Juans. He is a general contractor and has been a friend of Dan Shelley's for close to 30 years. They have worked together in Portland and the San Juans. Curtis bought his first boat in the early 80's, a 1939 28' wooden sloop known as a "CROD" (Columbia River One Design). It was built in Astoria. Curtis restored it over several years and sailed on the Columbia for a while before selling it and building a house. For many years he went to the Port Townsend Woodenboat show thinking of what his next boat might be. This led to his building a Phil Bolger pram using stitch and glue, and eventually joining a small boatbuilding group in Portland called "Riverswest". He is currently on the board as shop manager. When Dan lived in Portland, he and Curtis shared a woodshop with some other woodworkers/sailors and built 3 Phil Bolger 12' sailboats (known as a "cartopper") which they sailed on various lakes, rivers and bays near the Oregon coast. Curtis took the cartopper that he built to the Port Townsend show and had it on top of his car with a for sale sign on it. Going to Seattle a dad and his kids decided they wanted it, so when the ferry docked it was on their car!

Curtis continues to love to sail and joins Dan on his San Juan 24 when in the islands. So maybe we can get them both to race next season!

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The Club needs you as a volunteer! Everyone enjoys the benefits of Club membership and volunteering is a great way to give something back. Here's how you can help:

- ◆ **Monthly Grange Meetings:** Sign-up to co-host a meeting. We need members to decorate, set-up & tear-down, make coffee and handle galley clean-up. Karen & Susie will help you if you need ideas. Give them a call or see them at the January meeting.
- ◆ **Volunteer to serve as Cruise Captain** on one of our weekend trips. Ed Hale can provide details.
- ◆ **The Race Committee** always can use your help. This is a fun way for non-racers to get involved in this important and fun part of our racing season. Contact Paul Barger for information.