



The Working Jib



THE FRIDAY HARBOR SAILING CLUB NEWSLETTER



Guest Speaker for February
Tim Thomsen

Norris Palmer-Editor

View From the Helm ~ Rebecca Hughes - Commodore



Hello All

As everyone knows Norris, our newsletter editor, has and will continue to ask for stories from the members. Now you are getting “Poked” (a facebook term) from me to expound on that request. Howard and I have been active in the sailing club for over four years and know most of you by name and some of your boat names, but we really don’t know you! By requesting a short bio on Pat Megaw and

Wayne Aldo I was amazed what little I knew about them and their background and how long that they have been active boaters.

This has inspired me to “lead by example” (thanks Lee Iacocca) and give you a bit of my history and how I became a true lover of sailing and of cruising.

I was born and reared in central Ohio in a small little town named Johnstown. My parents owned and operated ‘Hughes Furniture Store’ for 43 years and what started out as a hobby; my Dad’s love of photography became a sideline business. I am the baby of three kids, Mr. Know-it-all brother is the oldest and my sister squeezed in the middle. Both still live in Ohio; have kids and one great niece. I was, and still am the tomboy, there isn’t a tree that I didn’t climb or know of every crack in the sidewalk roller skating or bicycling.

I spent all summer at the swimming pool and camped out a lot. Then came high school, my high school sweetheart and my first car which was a 1955 Chevy Bellaire that I carried home in pieces and drove it for several years. I married “him” which lasted about a year, no kids, got rid of him and the car, said goodbye to Ohio in 78’. I headed south to Florida and started working for the Hyatt in Sarasota for a \$1.10 an hour. Tell me, was I desperate to get out of Ohio?! While working at the Hyatt I trained in banquets and bartending, stayed there a few years, the Hyatt moved me to Los Angeles for a few years and onto San Francisco as a corporate doormat-middle management. I moved to Seattle in DECEMBER of 82’ it rained for nine solid months, not a peek from the sun! What and why did I move here? I lived I Seattle for 7 years and several other areas in western WA.

I became very interested in real estate while in Seattle and actually worked for a real estate attorney doing the grunt work, evictions and all that fun stuff. From there I thought selling it would be more fun, so I have been licensed since 1992 and joined Windermere in 96’. Before moving to the island I lived and worked in Yelm / Olympia area.

February

2010

General Meeting at the Grange Hall

February 9th

17:45 hrs

Social

18:00 hrs

Pot Luck

February 13th

Shaw island

Winter Classic

February 27

Deer Harbor

Day Cruise

Dennis

Pratt

Cruise Capt.





Okay, I think by now most of you know that Howard and I met thru eHarmony in 2004. Our first date we hung out at the Seattle Center for 'Bumbershoot' then drove like we were in the Indy 500 on I-5 to catch the last ferry to Friday Harbor then went sailing to Victoria for the remainder of Memorial Weekend.....I was hooked!

We really put this new budding relationship to the test the first year being together! About six months after we met, I convinced Howard to buy a lakefront property that needed the ugly removed and uncover its true potential, sold it for a profit.....he was hooked! After working on it a few weeks, we took a trip to Arizona to meet his family then onto Ohio for the introduction of my family. After Howard met my Mom, who had been incapacitated due to a stroke and in a depressing nursing home, returned back to the island, jumped on a plane, flew to Florida and bought a sailboat to cruise the Caribbean. Both of us love the 'cruising life' and the first winter spent two months in the Bahamas, placed the boat on the hard, returned to FH to continue to build the house that we live-in now. The second winter we cruised more of the Bahamas for almost three months, sailed it back to Florida and sold "Windswept".

Working has consumed us and waiting for that 'one buyer' to buy the home that we live in and making us homeless knowing will happen some day! Like many people on the island, we are real estate rich/cash-less. We built and own a spec that is now a rental and bought a waterfront home on Neil Bay that is a vacation rental. This has started a new chapter in my life with a new business of managing other vacation rentals, a new website;

www.sanjuanislandsdreamvacations.com or the Reader's Digest version; www.sjidream.com Howard has also renewed his website; www.caphowards.com for charters.

Okay, one more tidbit for you.....I am writing this while in Panama eating fresh papaya, pineapple and bananas so sweet that it's more like eating candy. Drinking freshly ground coffee that costs \$2.50 a pound and enjoying wonderful warm tropical breezes on the veranda while visiting with our Canadian friends that just moved here.



Arranging Your Meetings ~ Ed Hale - Vice Commodore



As previously advertised Tim Thomsen will be the speaker at our February meeting. The following excerpt from the San Juan Kayak Expeditions web site offers the following background:

Tim Thomsen has been a resident and avid kayaker in the San Juan Islands for thirty-two years. He has owned and operated San Juan Kayak Expeditions for twenty-nine years and has logged over 10,000 miles paddling in the San Juans! He has personally guided over 450 three and four day expeditions! In addition to paddling in the San Juans, he led his own 6 day expeditions in Baja's Sea of Cortez for thirteen winter seasons.

Tim is also a sea kayak sail inventor and patent owner!

A Washington State native with a degree in horticulture from Washington State University, Tim speaks semi-fluent Spanish, plays classical guitar and alto recorder, builds driftwood birdhouses in the off-season and has completed one marathon and several triathlons. Tim is also a world traveler. He has spent past winters traveling and kayaking through diverse and exotic regions of the globe.

For more information regarding Tim, his business and personal interests visit the web site at...<http://www.sanjuankayak.com/aboutmycompany.html>.

Also mark your calendar for March 9th as Ted and Terry Kruth will describe their trip on the English canal system.

Ed Hale



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Taking You All Over ~ Ken Krooswyk , Rear Commodore



Getting our Ducks in a Row

With this weather this year it is hard not to think about boating when so much of the Country is fighting Ice and snow storms, and even in California some are dealing with their weather and we are doing bottom paint, cleaning and boating around.

About 14 cruise Captains and others got together the other evening to do some planning for our exciting cruises coming up.

Things are coming together quite well with the short cruise destinations and dates.

We are planning to cruise to Barkley Sound (west side of Vancouver Island) by the way of Victoria with some people talking about going up and over while others would be coming back past Victoria. Still others have expressed their feelings that this was too much open water for them. With interest we could easily have a more protected cruise for the summer at the same time. Let me know your thoughts at the Club meetings or give me a call.

I am always ready to talk boating.

2010 Cruise Schedule will soon be posted (if not already), with a few positions needed to be filled with your help.

Good Sailing Ken



FRIDAY HARBOR SAILING CLUB

2010 CRUISE SCHEDULE

MONTH	DESTINATION	CRUISE CAPTAIN
February 27	Deer Harbor	Dennis Pratt
March 20-21	Stuart Island	John Manning
April 4	West Sound Orcas Island	Gloria Benson
May 1-2	Fisherman Bay Lopez Island (Opening Day)	Ed Hale
June 21-3 July	Barkley Sound, B.C.* (Summer Cruise)	TB
July 16-18	Portland Island, B.C.*	Val Veirs
August 16-18	Ladysmith, B.C.*	Don Hendrix
September 25-26	Rosario Resort (Crab Feed)	Ken Krooswyk

***Need to clear Canadian Customs...bring passports or equiv.!!**



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

SHIP'S LOG

Highlights of the FHSC Board Meeting, 1-18-10

Therese Pratt, Secretary



Members Present: Commodore Rebecca Hughes, Vice-Commodore Ed Hale, Rear Commodore Ken Krooswyk, Secretary Therese Pratt, Treasurer Karen Palmer, Co-Fleet Captain Dennis Pratt, Social Chair Brenda Pound, Newsletter Editor Norris Palmer, Haberdasher Mary-Brooke Barger, Trustees Mike Chadwick, Susan Eberhard, and Bill Van Skyhawk, guest members Paul Barger, Howard Crowell, and Rainer Eberhard.

Treasurer Karen Palmer introduced a new budget format which, thanks to the new computer and more up-to-date software, is easier to read. Our cash on hand presently totals \$6224.62 and we remain on budget. The Round the County Race reaped \$700 in profit and we made nearly \$450 in racing fees last year. We anticipate selling \$1000 again in roster ads and annual membership dues are still coming in. We have signed the rental agreement with the Grange Hall and have paid for the year.

Vice-Commodore Ed Hale announced that February's speaker will be Tim Thomsen of San Juan Kayak Expeditions and that Ted and Terry Kruth will present in March.

Secretary Therese Pratt said that thank you cards have been sent to the police and fire chiefs and to Browne's Home Center for their assistance with the Lighted Boat Parade. A note of appreciation will be sent to Andy Schwenk for his presentation at January's general meeting.

The Board voted to continue charging racing fees, i.e. \$10 for individual entries and \$50 for the season. Co-Fleet Captain Dennis Pratt added that fuel compensation for committee boats should not exceed \$25. He has some committee boats already lined up and will hold a mini-seminar on the basics of racing in an effort to lure more participants. He will not be coordinating the Lighted Boat Parade this year so the Board will need to seek a volunteer.

The Board spent some time discussing and modifying the calendar of events for this year. Some dates were set and in order to finalize the calendar Rear Commodore Ken Krooswyk will hold a meeting for cruise captains and the Fleet Captains at his home on January 26th at 6:00. The dates will then be sent to Webmaster Les Arnott. Member Howard Crowell suggested a cruise to Barkley Sound. Commodore Hughes added that the cruise destinations are not "set in stone" and that suggestions for cruises to alternative locations are always welcome. The Deer Harbor Cruise is scheduled for February 27th, captained by Dennis Pratt. Rear Commodore Ed Hale added that a meeting needs to be arranged with the Commodores of other clubs, with which we share events, so that particulars can be planned and coordinated.

Upon the request of Social Chair Brenda Pond, the Board discussed feasible venues for the holiday party. December 7th or 14th were mentioned as possible dates.

Haberdasher Mary-Brooke Barger will be gradually introducing new club apparel with some of the items fashioned specifically for women. She will be dealing with "Gear for Sports" which offers better prices, more up-to-date selections, and special orders. The markup for members will merely amount to the cost of shipping and taxes. The Board agreed that we will start with logo-embroidered men's and women's sweatshirts of varying sizes for an initial expenditure of \$500-\$600. Trustee Susan Eberhard mentioned that the club beverage mugs are now available through the haberdashery.

Newsletter Editor Norris Palmer requested stories for the "Working Jib", such as biographies of our speakers and new members. All members are encouraged to submit material for the newsletter. The deadline for articles is the end of each month.

Getting Wet on the Water ~ Howard Lewis & Dennis Pratt—Fleet Captain



We are awaiting an exciting racing season this year since there will be new boats added to our fleet. Ed Hale and John Manning have purchased a Cal-20 to add to our racing scene. Paul Barger plans to race his Sun 27, and Norris and Karen Palmer are also adding a boat to the racing fleet. We will have three races in Mitchell Bay and three races in Friday Harbor this year.

We are getting close to having all the race committee boats we need, but we need crew members on the boats to help run the races. Please look over the schedule printed below to see if you might be able to help on one of the committee boats. If you are willing please call 472-0212 to add your name to the list. When we have some volunteers, there will be a pleasant meeting to explain the procedures for running a race.

2010 Racing Schedule

Spring Series---- Mitchell Bay—April 24-25

Rhumb Regatta--- Mitchell Bay--- May 15-16

Rudi Race--- Shipyard Cove--- June 19

Jack and Jill--- Griffin Bay--- July 31

Singled-handed---Griffin Bay--- August 28

Mitchell Bay International--- Mitchell Bay---October 2-3

Dennis



Getting The Party Going ~ Brenda Pound—Social Chair



We still need someone to decorate for September, October and November meetings. Someone to supervise and organize games for Opening Day in May is also needed. Thanks to Karen and Norris Palmer, and Susie and Don Hendrix for doing our kitchen duty for January, and thanks to Susie and Mary Lou Sternitzke for the cute table decorations. See you February 9th at the Grange.

DIDJAKNOW?? The first Valentine's Day greeting cards made in the U.S. were created in the 1840s. Approximately 85% of all valentines are purchased by women.



If you didn't know, Gloria Bentzen is the Sailing Club's Historian.

She is looking for information on past present or even future information on the Sailing Club. Please give her Articles, pictures (Non digital hard copy) anything from the past that a person might think fun to add to the historical book.

Her mailing address is 49 Egg Lake Road her phone is 378-4288 jgbentzen@centurytel.net

Its coming
The Sea and Flea Market
April 10, 2010
Bring stuff to Gloria

FHSC MUGS!!



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Polo Shirts	24.00
Vest (red fleece)	50.00
Jacket (red, white or blue)	65.00

Contact Mary-Brook Barger, support our Ships Store and show your pride in our Club!



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.