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The Friday Harbor Sailing Club Newsletter



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Getting the Scuttlebutt Out

Vice Commodore Karen Palmer

Cruising Chile by land, air and sea – From the altiplano to the horn – Six months in Chile



Leslie and Val Veirs will present to the Friday Harbor Sailing Club a slide show of images and experiences from their trip this 'spring' to Chile. Leslie and Val flew to Santiago on last Christmas Day and returned home in mid-June. They will take us



way up north to the high and dry deserts where it never rains, way out west to Easter Island, an island just about the same size as San Juan Island, and way down south to Cape Horn where a 70 knt wind tried to blow them off at the end of the continent. In between they visited many cities and national parks and met many interesting individuals.



For much more information, visit <http://www.leslieval.com>

Slate of 2013 Officers

The nominating committee is presenting the following slate of 2013 Officers. Voting will take place at the November General Meeting, Tuesday, November 13th. All members are encouraged to come to cast their vote.

Commodore: Rebecca Hughes

Vice Commodore: Don Hendrix

Rear Commodore: Ken Frazee

Staff Commodore: Terry Lush

Treasurer: Susan Eberhard

Secretary: Laura Jo Severson

Fleet Captains: John Manning, Jim Reuscher

Social Chair: Mary Lou Sternitzke

Trustee: Pat Megaw



Bringing on The Fun

Co-Social Chairs

Susie Hendrix & Mary Lo Sternitzke

So sorry to have missed **Jo Bailey** at our October meeting. We have often used her books for their useful information and interesting tidbits like pronunciations, where to find those petroglyphs, what it's like to climb to the Trapper's Cabin and much more. The ascent to the cabin is as described in the Gunkholing in Desolation Sound and Princess Louisa volume; but time and weather have taken their toll, and there is very little left of the cabin. The gorgeous scenery and falls, however, make this not so easy climb worth it.

Thank you to our **October galley crew, Marilyn and Jim Schutz and Jenny and Chris Wilson**, for organizing the potluck dishes and cleaning up. And thank you to members for continuing to work on packing their stuff in and packing it out.

Using **Halloween decorations** from the club storage unit, **Rebecca Hughes and Judie Ross** teamed up once again to decorate the Grange. The easiest and least expensive way to do the job is to check and see what the club already has. I don't know if part of decorating included Rebecca and Judie in costume, but dressing up brings to mind Jim and Brenda Pound's memorable costumes of a couple of Halloween's ago. Makes me smile just to think of them.

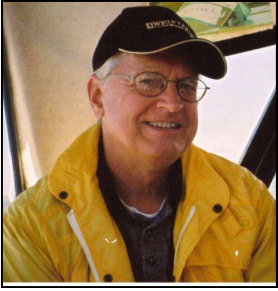
The long search is over! **Ron and Marie DiCristina** have finally found their boat, a 32' Halvorsen. They are two happy people, and we are looking forward to having them along on club cruises this coming year. By the way, did you catch Ron's news article in the Journal covering the annual Fred Hoepfner International Regatta? It is nice to see news about our club in the paper again.

Coming up is the **Round the County Race**. I know a lot of hard work has gone into preparing for the race and planning the celebration of the 25th anniversary of this event. Our club has members working on all sorts of things and volunteer slots have been filled, but members are invited to stop by on the evening of **November 10** to barbecue a hamburger, watch the fun, and listen to the racers as they talk about what happened that day. Festivities can get started as early as 5 o'clock.

Watch the mail for your invitation to this year's **Holiday Party**, which will be held at the Masonic Hall on Tuesday, December 11. A delicious buffet is planned, but this year you do not have to indicate a choice of salmon or prime rib on your invitation. Both are being prepared, and people can have both if they choose. Invitations with complete information are being mailed just before Thanksgiving. To facilitate the planning, please return your reservation slip and check by December 1.

This year there will be one less Christmas gift to wrap! **Our annual donation of books and blank journals to the Family Resource Center for distribution to island children no longer needs to be wrapped.** Check the party invitation for more details.

See you at the Grange on Tuesday, November 13. Things start happening at 5:30.



Getting the Boats Wet

Rear Commodore Don Hendrix

Rear Commodore's Report

A successful cruising season has now come to an end. It is time to winterize the boats and start thinking about planning next year's cruises. Several years ago Robin Dyer, then with Granville Marine, passed out a good checklist for preparing a boat for the winter. I have successfully followed an edited version of what Robin presented:

Change the engine and transmission oil at the beginning of winter.

Check the primary fuel filter for water. Clean if necessary.

Top off fuel tank(s) to prevent moisture from condensation getting into the fuel.

Check engine control cables for corrosion and lube.

Inspect engine mounts and couplings for softening and cracks.

Inspect engine hoses for cracking or bulging. Replace if necessary.

Fully charge all batteries and top off with distilled water. Clean battery tops of acid and corrosion.

Spray generators and electric motors with WD-40. Also, after disconnecting shore power, clean off shore power sockets and spray with WD-40.

If possible, move electronic equipment to a warm, dry environment.

Close all sea cocks except for the cockpit drains.

Check windlass lubricant for water and change if necessary.

Check fasteners on all deck hardware for damage to caulk bedding.

Inspect and change all zincs, including cooling system zincs.

For sailboats -

Clean, grease and oil winches. Spray outside with WD-40.

Wash all open bearings in roller furling with warm water and regrease.

All sails should be removed for the winter.

Wash all aluminum spars and masts and inspect for signs of corrosion and hairline cracks. Spray with WD-40.

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With Out Them-You have a long Sail!

Good News!

Linda Lush has returned from the mainland and is doing well.

Linda will be on a full recovery tour at Friday Harbor Life Care Center in Room 139 and will want visitors, well wishers, cards, flowers, and she loves to play Mah Jongg! Welcome Back Linda!



**FRIDAY HARBOR
SAILING CLUB**

**P.O. Box 62
Friday Harbor, WA 98250**

**Check the Website
for all upcoming events**

Now Taking Pre-Orders for Friday Harbor Sailing Club Ladies Jackets!

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This all new **Season II Jacket** from Port Authority is fully waterproof and critically seam sealed. Colorblock panels at the sides and sleeves give this jacket year-round appeal.

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- 100% microfleece body lining
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• Ladies Sizes: XS-4XL



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. Contact the Social Committee.

Volunteer to serve as Cruise Captain on one of our weekend trips. The Rear Commodore 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 the Co-Fleet Captains for more information.