



FHSC Working Jib



Friday Harbor Sailing Club

View from the Helm – Don Hendrix, Commodore	January 2014
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Best wishes for 2014 to one and all! I look forward to an eventful and exciting year as Commodore. I would like to thank the 2013 Board members for a fine job and the nominating committee for finding an outstanding slate of officers to make sure our club runs smoothly for the next twelve months. I also wish to thank the club for their support and confidence to allow me to hold the office of Commodore for this year.



Outgoing Friday Harbor Sailing Club Board

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, January 14

General meeting at the Grange

If any members have club announcements they wish to have considered for posting in the *Working Jib*, please email them to me at:

fhsclub@gmail.com

Thanks, Val Veirs, Editor

The club officers who 'retired' this year include Gloria Bentzen who had done an outstanding job as club historian in organizing our historical record albums and files. Mary Lou Sternitzke and Mary Bacon did a great job in 2013 on the Social Committee. We have their committee to thank for meeting decorations and clean-up, an outstanding Christmas party and the decorations for the Round the County race. We were also lucky to be able to talk Rebecca Hughes into assuming the Commodore's duties for a second term. Rebecca did a fine job keeping the Board on time and on track. She and Howard are due time off from all their work and I think Thailand should be a nice place for them to rest up. Jayne Hemmerich also did an outstanding job as editor of the *Working Jib*. The issues she published in 2013 were filled with informative pieces and great artwork. Ken Frazee did a great job in 2013 organizing club cruises to interesting places. Terry Lush deserves a special thanks for his help in many ways, including serving as trustee and his hard work for the Round the County race. Howard Crowell worked his magic again in 2013 to fill our Roster with paid advertising and Susan Eberhard and her crew prepared and proofed the resulting booklet. John Manning and Jim Reuscher got our races organized this year and Dennis Pratt again served as the Racing Trophy chair.



Incoming Board

Among other things, in 2014 we look forward to more great potlucks and speakers at the Grange organized by Social Chairs Ann Jarrell and Jenny Wilson and Vice Commodore Don Jarrell. We also look forward to sailing races organized by Fleet Captain Howard Lewis. In addition, our monthly newsletter, the *Working Jib*, has a new editor, Val Veirs who plans a change in newsletter format. Susie Hendrix continues as our Quartermaster and Dino Pick will be our new Historian. Laura Jo Severson will act as Secretary for 2014 and Susan Eberhard will continue as Club Treasurer. Les Arnott continues to do a wonderful job keeping our club WEB page running smoothly. This year the Publicity job passes from Ron Di Cristina to his wife Marie. We are also lucky to have Mark Sternitzke, Pat Megaw and Terry Lush as Trustees this year and Rebecca Hughes as Staff Commodore. I consider this a great slate of officers for our club and look forward to working with them this year.

Besides great club officers to work with, I am grateful for all the members who pitch in to help set up and clean up after meetings and provide suggestions for our activities. Speaking of suggestions now would be a good time to send ideas for cruises to me or to Rear Commodore Bill Severson and for speakers to me or Vice Commodore Don Jarrell.

We are having fun!! – Jenny Wilson, Social Chair

Happy New Year to all!

Looking back in December, our Christmas dinner at the Masonic Lodge was a huge success this year due to the efforts of so many people. Mary Lou Sternitzke and Mary Bacon get top billing for being our fearless leaders in setting up this dinner, as well as doing such an amazing job as Social Chairs throughout all of 2013. The Christmas dinner, as you know, was held at the Masonic lodge. The hall was provided free of charge. Our delicious dinner was made by Chef Brad Smith, himself a Mason.



Chef Brad Smith

The room was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Mary Bacon made the delightful train center pieces. Pam Morais and Mary Lou Sternitzke each bought one to help raise money for the Sailing Club. Mara DiCristina arranged for the photographer, Tim Dustrade, and assisted in the setup of his photo equipment. She, also, helped decorate the tables along with Leslie Veirs. Ruth Ann Krooswyk made all the bows on the garland around the room. The bows will see double duty as they will be used to decorate the baskets that are given to the widows of the Masons each year at this time.



Train Centerpiece by Mary Bacon

Jennifer Bryan and Susie Hendrix both contributed to our dinner decorations for the second year. Jennifer made the floral arrangements and Susie brought in a small Christmas tree to decorate the landing and set the holiday mood as we arrived. Susie's mother made the decorations and Roxanne Skeene helped Susie to decorate the tree (not an easy feat!).

Thanks to all for your help in bringing books and cash donations for the Family Resource Center. Ann Jarrell took them over to the center for us. It's nice to know that our club could make some children smile this Christmas.



Contributed Books

Before following up with requests for the 2014 calendar of events, I want to thank some particular people for their role in our November meeting. Barbara and Ed Rouleau along with their grandson, Jared, took care of the galley. Mary Bacon did her best to get us to think and express our appreciation for something we are thankful for with the crayons and write-on tableclothes. Thank you for this, Mary, and all your other very creative and interesting decorating ideas throughout 2013 ! After dinner, Fred Perez gave a talk about the model he is making of the ferry Hiyu. Fred Perez is a long-time member (the roster says 1995) and it was good to see him again at our meeting. The next week Mark and Mary Lou did see the real Hiyu at the Anacortes ferry dock on its way to the Dakota Creek Shipyard for, at least, a paint job.

Our next meeting is Tuesday January 14th at the Grange. Social hour begins at 5:45. During this meeting , the outgoing board will serve as galley and decorating crew. Thank you in advance!

We will need help from everyone as we go forward into 2014. At the January meeting we will be signing up volunteers for both galley crew and decorations for the months of February through May. Please be prepared to contribute through help in the kitchen or, if you are creative, by signing up for table decorations for one of our months. Many hands make light work! (Ann and I do not have a creative bone in our bodies so please step forward and save us!)

We look forward to seeing you all soon. Happy New Year and may this year bring joy and peace to you and your family.

Cruising in 2014 – Bill Severson, Rear Commodore

What would it take to get you on a cruise this season? I remember after we joined the club, it took over a year before we finally prioritized our schedule so that we could attend a cruise. It took volunteering to assist Terry and Linda Lush on the cruise to Cowichan Bay in 2011 to get us going. We had a tremendous time, started some great friendships and wonderful sailing experience returning to our home port. Now we are participating in several cruises each year, really enjoying the club and cruising in this wonderful part of the World.

The club's mission is to promote cruising and racing, and as your Rear Commodore, my goal is to get everyone out on the water this year with great cruising opportunities. Let's have fun, good food, fellowship and opportunities to learn from each other.

Please come to January's club meeting and participate in a quick survey on cruising opportunities and feedback on what would it take to get you involved in the club cruising activities. So come prepared to provide your answer to the question: What would it take?

Also be warned; I do not give up easily. See you on a cruise this year!

Financials – Susan Eberard, Treasurer

Happy New Year! I look forward to being your club Treasurer again this year and know it will be another good year. As we look ahead to upcoming fun club activities, it's also time to renew your yearly membership. Many of you have already returned your 2014 dues and the club appreciates that! For those who still have it in your to-do pile, it's now time to fish it out and send it in with your membership data sheet. This information is used for the club Roster. Last year we were able to complete the Roster in time for distribution at the March General meeting and I hope we can do it again this year! Also, make sure you indicate on your membership data sheet how you would like to support the club next year with your volunteer time. Get involved and have a great year!

Photo of the month – Any FHSC member

Please consider sending in a nautically themed local photo that could grace this newsletter. Email your entry to fhscclub@gmail.com and I will pick one each month for the *Working Jib*. Here is a photo for this month:



Eagle over orcas in the Haro Strait – October 2013 – Val Veirs, *Working Jib* Editor