



# FHSC Working Jib



Friday Harbor Sailing Club

## View from the Helm - Don Hendrix, Commodore

Our club's boating activities have now begun in earnest. The cruise to Deer Harbor went well after being delayed for a few days. The Spring Racing Series also was carried out last month, thanks to Norris Palmer for stepping in for Fleet Captain Howard Lewis who has been working at the Oso, WA disaster site. This month we have Opening Day at Fisherman Bay May 2 & 3 with the Lopez Island Yacht Club and Opening Day activities at Friday Harbor with the San Juan Island Yacht Club Sunday, May 4. Racing in May features the Rhumb Regatta May 10 and 11, followed by an always popular dinner at Howard Lewis' home on Mitchell Bay for all club members.

Speaking of Howard Lewis' home, remember that this is the last month we will meet at the Grange Hall for a while. During June, July and August we will meet at Howard's house for a potluck. It is a great place for a picnic and we all thank Howard for letting us use his facilities for these gatherings.

Last month we learned from West Marine store manager Kathleen Tison that in the future we will no longer be able to use zinc anodes on pleasure craft. These are to be replaced by less toxic anodes constructed of an aluminum alloy. I knew about aluminum anodes and had considered trying them so after her talk I purchased a set which we will install on *Polaris* next week. They are certainly lighter than those made out of zinc and theoretically should last longer to prevent corrosion of boat props, shafts and engines.



*Spring Series – Photo by Rebecca Hughes*

### Upcoming Events

**May. 13 General Meeting**

Grange

5.45 Social hour

6.30 Dinner

Speaker: Mike Close –  
Friday Harbor Marine

**May 2-4 Cruise**

[Opening Day - Lopez](#)

[Opening Day – San Juan](#)

**May 10-11 Racing**

[RHUMB Regatta](#)

[RHUMB Regatta Dinner](#)

**May 16-18**

[Maple Bay Wooden Boat  
Festival](#)

**May 24-25**

[Swiftsure International  
Yacht Race](#)

## Report from the Vice Commodore - Don Jarrell

First off, we'd like to thank Kathleen Tison for an informative and entertaining talk in April on the new and different products available from West Marine. Of particular interest was a review of the electromotive series of metals and the environmental advantages of using Aluminum as a replacement for sacrificial Zinc. Effective and cheap – what a combination. Her sea stories go considerably beyond most of ours and had us alternately cringing and laughing. She knows her audience well.

In May, we have Mike Close from Friday Harbor Marine, who will present the vagaries of marine electronic equipment and the potential of today's integrated solutions. Mike, originally a citizen of Minnesota, has been on the island since 1996 when he joined both the Sailing club and the Yacht club (is that legal Terry?) and has been Commodore of the Power Squadron. He is a Marine electronics expert and started Friday Harbor Marine in 2008. Luck being what it is, FH Marine burned in the Downrigger's fire last year and he has moved his business to Mullis street. We (me) all have problems from time to time with the electronic gadgetry in the cockpit. Here is an opportunity to bring your thorniest issues to a man with the solutions.

## Racing Sheet - Report on the Spring Series - Norris Palmer

It was the best weather that the San Juans could offer for sailors. The race began at Shipyard Cove which was not hosted by the Eastside Skalawags but some were not in attendance but could be seen. (The Eastside Skalawags is a non-club with non-members who do not hold meetings at the "Bilge" located at Shipyard Cove.) Racers and crews included Phil Benedict on Juliet, John Manning on Bellwether, Lloyd Bacon on Corrida, Lynn Adkins on Adalgisa, Dino Pick on Scarlet de Haro, Greg Taylor on Spikenard, Goober on Quack job, Norris Palmer on Lanna Ann, Arne Bentzen on Gorm, and Greg Taylor on Spiknard.



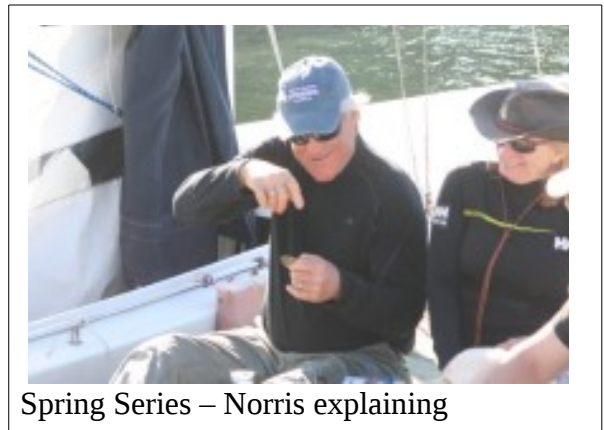
Spring Series at Shipyard Cove

The first race was started at the entrance to Shipyard Cove and the winds were shifty on the line, several tacks had to be made to get through the opening. It was a lot of skill to see these several boats weave and cut through.

Once out on the open water, the winds were 17 to 19 close hauled all the way to Low Island. Rounding Low Island and heading back to Shipyard cove was a great reach all the way. The Sun was everywhere and the snowcapped mountains were aglow.

Since there was a lot of wind, there was plenty of time for several courses to the buoy outside of Shipyard cove. A lot of tacking and starting was done as it took a lot of skill to get out of the opening with the constantly shifting winds.

There is nothing like a pack of sailboats heeling over on their way to a mark to round.



Spring Series – Norris explaining

The next day was beautiful weather as well, the fleet headed out the opening on their way to the Coast Guard Buoy tucked way down at 4<sup>th</sup> of July Beach. The wind became light and the fleet jockeyed back and forth on a lead. Some catching puffs and others not. It was a true light air race for several hours and the only boat to make the mark was Lynn Adkins' Adalgisa. But the race was abandoned after several hours of wonderful floating on the water with the best Spring weather you could have.

As Fred Hoepfner said; "you can't get to know your boat unless you participate in a race." Racing is fun and makes you learn your vessel. It is fun and simple. Racing and is a cornerstone of what the Sailing Club is about and it needs all members to support this important activity. Contact Howard Lewis if you would like to learn how to start racing.



*Racing home - Rebecca Hughes*



## Cruising in 2014 - Bill Severson, Rear Commodore

We have a flotilla of seven boats heading tomorrow for Lopez Island for the Opening Day Cruise. We are scheming with Lopez Island Yacht Club on fun activities and a great dinner party.

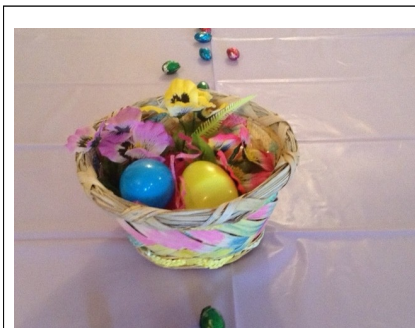
We sure had fun time at the Deer Harbor Cruise. Ken and Ruth Frazee were the Cruise Captains and put together a full weekend of food, fun and a forced march into the interior of mysterious Orcas Island. Participating in this cruise were Don and Ann Jarrell; Terry and Linda Lush; Norris and Karen Palmer; Ted and Terry Kruth along with Bill and Laura Jo Severson.

Friday evening we all gathered on the sailboat Fairhope, everyone brought food to share and stories to tell. Nice weather welcomed us Saturday morning; we set off on foot in search for “Tom & Jerry” the famous goats who are the ground maintenance crew for the Deer Marine Boat Yard. Further on folks started to drop out of this hike leaving Don and Ann looking for a mountain to climb. Our timing was perfect, just as we returned to the marina the rain showers set in for the afternoon, time for a nap.

The Saturday evening event was dinner at the Deer Harbor Inn. A white stretch limo met us at the head of the dock and transported us up the hill to this wonderful restaurant. Sunday morning we followed the smell of bacon and waffles on the “Misty Blue”. Skies were clear, but alas, no wind. The sail boats left the dock in search of wind and we would it in San Juan Channel. Laura Jo and I spent the afternoon zigzagging up and down testing my new mainsail. So a great shakedown cruise for everyone involved.

So start making your plans for our summer cruises: Anacortes – June 27; Ganges – July 25 and Otter Bay – August 15.

## Report from the Social Chairs - Jenny Wilson & Ann Jarrell



Easter baskets by Laura Jo

Members and guests were welcomed to the Grange by a vision of flower baskets and chocolate eggs foil-wrapped in spring colors lovingly strewn atop the lilac table coverings courtesy of Laura Jo and Bill Severson. Michael and Roxanne Skeen along with their guest Keith McKenzie, took over the galley, readying the many wonderful dishes for the serving line, then making the galley shipshape afterwards.



Galley crew – Thank you!

Thanks to all of you. We appreciate your participation so much! Next month, the galley crew is Pat Megaw and Wayne Aldo and Torry and Joyce Johnson. Pat Megaw also volunteered to do decorations.

Commodore Don and vocalist-in-chief led the membership in a rousing chorus of “Happy Birthday”, honoring the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday milestone of Bill VanSkyHawk. In the new boat owner category is Lloyd

Bacon who bought a 14 footer for his grandkids from Ed Rouleau. Lloyd also made special mention of the Mac'n Cheese! Judy Ross introduced her significant other Bruce to a roaring round of applause. Jo King, recovering from hip surgery, still made it to the meeting to be inducted into the club by Rebecca Hughes. Jo singlehands a C&C 27 in addition to having fun in her Santana 21. Welcome Jo! We may have to prohibit the Vice Commodore from buying raffle tickets to give some others a chance to win the split pot. Don J. won it again! How many times is that Don? Can't say you are on a fixed income now!



Mary, Marie and Leslie

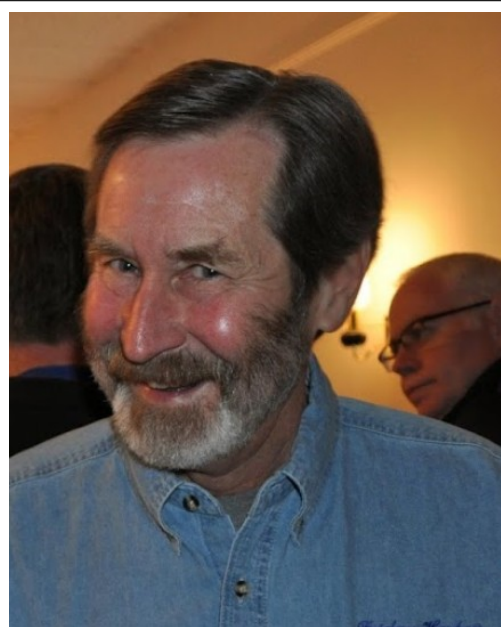
Don't forget that the Port is having a Boating Safety Fair and Swap meet on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April from 9-4. You can turn in expired flares among other boating aligned activities and maybe sell or buy some new stuff. Check out the port's Newsletter, *Waves of Our Lives*,



Meet our new member Jo King

<http://www.portfridayharbor.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/March-Waves-2014.pdf>. More to follow in their April newsletter.

Hope you signed up for the Rhumb Regatta steak bbq May 10<sup>th</sup>. We will have Margaritas for purchase and coffee is included in the dinner price. Bring other beverages if you wish. We ordered some warm, sunny weather, too! We will see you at Howard's then!



A happy Mark!

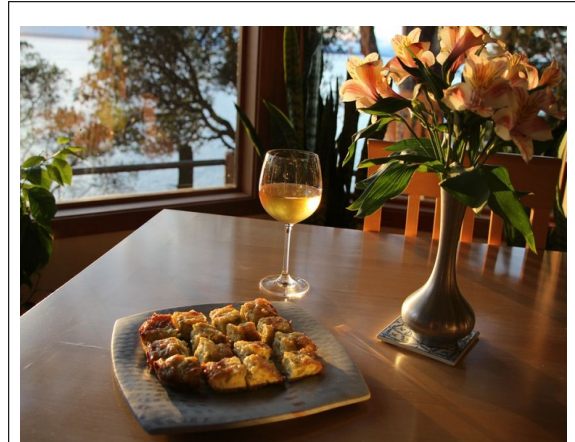
Mexican Quiche Appetizer – By popular request at the March monthly club meeting

1/2 cup butter  
10 eggs cup  
1/2 cup flour  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
dash of salt  
8-12 ounces canned, diced mild green chiles  
2 cups low fat cottage cheese (16 ounces)  
4 cups grated Monterey Jack cheese (1 pound)

Melt butter in a 9 x 13 inch baking pan. Set aside. In a large mixing bowl beat eggs and add flour, baking powder and salt. Mix well. Add melted butter, leaving the pan buttered. Add chiles and cheese. Mix together and pour into baking pan. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 45-60 minutes. Test to see if quiche is done with a knife. Be sure quiche is set; knife blade comes out clean when inserted in center. Cut into bite size squares while hot, but allow to cool slightly before removing from pan.

Note: This may be baked and frozen; reheat covered with foil or in a microwave. It can also be served as a main dish – just cut larger squares. You can also make a hotter version by using Pepper Jack cheese and jalapeno chiles.

Source: Leslie Veirs and Colorado Cache Cookbook



Enjoy a Mexican Quiche at sunset!

Photo of the Month - Any FHSC Member



*Two cruisers reflecting on the Deer Harbor cruise*