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Friday Harbor Sailing Club

View from the Helm - Don Hendrix, Commodore

Now that October is here our club activities shift from cruising to other things. One of the items coming up next month is the Round the County Race which will be held November 8 and 9th this year. This is the 26th running of this race, sponsored by the Orcas Island Yacht Club. As in past years, our club entertains the sailors at Roche Harbor, the half-way point of the race. Over the years this sailboat race has grown in size. Last year, just under 100 boats participated in this race. This means that the party our club puts on for the Round the County has also grown in size and attendance. It takes many volunteers from the club to decorate the party barges, serve food and clean up after the party. Our club also polices the docks to insure that the beer we serve at this event is not carried up the dock to the main resort.

Each year a number of people in our club also are involved in timing boats as they round Iceberg Point on Lopez Island. Since this race is held in November, people who have had this duty assure me that the weather conditions while they carry out this duty say this point is aptly named. Keeping track of this many boats as they sail by can be a hectic activity. Our club also records the times the boats cross the finish line Friday evening and carries out the start of the final leg the next morning.

These activities require many volunteers from our club but I have found it to be a very exciting time and well worth the time invested. Mark Sternitzke and I were in Canoe Cove last week bringing *Polaris* home from some upgrades to its standing rigging and we picked up the September issue of 48° North which contained an add for the Round the County race which mentioned our club as a sponsor. I was glad to see our club's named in this manner in such a publication.

This issue of 48° North also mentions the Pink Boat Regatta which was held September 7 simultaneously in Bellingham and Seattle. This is an event whose proceeds are donated 100% to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. It seems like a very worthy cause but our club was notified too late in the year to get the word out to our racing fleet. However, this will be an annual event and if you are interested in participating next year, please contact their organization at www.pinkboatregatta.org for more information.

I understand from Terry Lush that the seafood cruise to West Sound was a huge success. Susie and I would have liked to have participated as we have in past years but I unfortunately had to take Susie and my step mother to SeaTac that weekend so they could catch a plane to Norway.

Upcoming Events

**October 4-5
Saturday-Sunday**

Racing:

Fred Hoepfner
International Regatta
Mitchell Bay

[Information](#)

Tuesday, October 14

General Meeting
Grange 5:45

Norris Palmer contributed this report on the “Crab Feast” cruise and Gloria and Tweety sent in the photos.

The Crab & Seafood Feast to end all Feasts!



A Crab - getting ready

What a great and wonderful event that was held on Saturday the 13th under beautiful sunny skies and calm waters. Gloria & John Bentzen along with Terry and Linda Lush got the cruisers out to make this event one of the best of the year. Everyone arrived at Orcas Island Yacht docks on Saturday morning. All boats were well tied and happy.

Folding chairs were set on the dock and a laid back day in the Sun was enjoyed by all. Cruising stories and past events were discussed and appreciated by all. Jon Holbrook raised his mainsail to provide a great “shade” for the docks and the temperatures hovered in the 70’s. Then the happy hour began with



The crabs and their friends

wonderful dishes of spring rolls , extensive cheeses, tomato dishes, wine and more. As we all enjoyed the pass-a-rounds Gloria and Tweety were slicing the salmon as Jon was boiling the many crab they had contributed.



Lots of crabs

Linda Lush was in her

galley simmering away the secret recipe of her preparation of cioppino complete with fresh mussels. The smell was abundant on the dock. Tables were brought out and plates were full of salmon, crab, cioppino, and abundant salads. All while the temperatures and Sun were so fresh. After dinner firewood was brought to the Orcas Island Yacht Club



Friends on the dock

clubhouse while Terry Lush, Norris Palmer, and John Manning provided great music under the stars for all.

The next morning a breakfast of Linda Lush's quiche, Jo King and Gloria Bentzen's hash browns, and the product of a fruit slicing and dicing team was served up on the dock under a beautiful Sunday morning sky.



Happy Jon

A great time and turnout by John Manning, Pamela Morais, Jon & Tweety Holbrook, John & Gloria Bentzen, Terry & Linda Lush, Ed & Shireene Hale, Norris & Karen Palmer, Phil & Claudia Coose, single hander; Jo King, single hander Lloyd Bacon, & our special guest Betsy Wareham were all in attendance. Many thanks for the 12 crabs caught by Jon & Tweety Holbrook, the 3 king salmon by John & Gloria Bentzen, the wonderful cioppino and the quiche & hashbrowns by Linda Lush. Jo King, Gloria. We enjoyed homemade baked bread by Tweety and music by Terry, Norris and John Manning. Thanks go especially to Gloria and Terry for getting the event put together!



Relaxing on the dock



Jo - coming to the dock



Terry making music



A lovely afternoon on the dock on the Crab Feast cruise

Special Report

Maria DiCristina reports:

Sailing Club gifts Sailing Foundation

On September 9, 2014 Friday Harbor Sailing Club's Commodore Don Hendrix, was pleased to introduce two special guests from the San Juan Sailing Foundation. Sailing manager Paul LeBaron with high school senior Melanie Cope, were presented as representatives of the Foundation, a \$500.00 check from the Friday Harbor Sailing Club for support of the Foundation.

FHSC has supported and encouraged islanders to learn sailing through the Sailing Foundation as it offers a quality training program with hands on sailing. Their website is www.sanjuansailing.org

And, the club has received a very nice thank you letter from the Sailing Foundation!

Consider telling your friends that the Friday Harbor Sailing Club is a family oriented boating organization for both power and sail members who promote and encourage amateur sailing, racing and powerboat activities. The club focuses on camaraderie, social events, cruising and racing within the local San Juan Islands and beyond. Monthly potluck meetings are second Tuesdays 5:45pm at the Grange Hall on Second Street. Interested in attending? Contact Don at 378-4590 or visit: www.FridayHarborSailing.com

Photo of the Month - Any FHSC Member



On the move!