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HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FHSC IN JANUARY 2017

Monday, January 9th

FHSC Board Meeting
Heritage Bank, Conference Room 5:00 PM

Tuesday, January 10

General Membership Meeting
Friday Harbor Grange Hall 5:30 PM
Please bring dish to share and a beverage.
Learn about changes in Customs Requirements

Thursday, January 20

Cruise Planning Meeting 6:00 PM
Meet at Stefan and Georgia's
Get involved in dreaming
about the cruises for this year.
Bring a appetizer or dessert to share

Get involved and don't miss out on our fun club activities!!

Sign-up for your club activities on the

The club's web-site
www.fridayhARBORSAILING.COM



The COMMODORE Report from BILL SEVERSON



Well I am back from my trip to Key West and getting ready for the Lighted Boat Parade. What a shock leaving the 80⁰ weather. The most fun was the day trip to the Dry Tortugas. My friends and I boarded the high-speed catamaran at the Port of Key West and traveled 60 miles west to the middle of the Gulf of Mexico.

The destination was a small group of islands made of sand and coral that has served for centuries as the jumping off place for ships to enter the Gulf Stream and travel back to Europe. Following the War of 1812 the US decided they needed the “Death Star” of all forts there. They started building the biggest, baddest fort in the world. The world changed before it was operational, and such a fort was no longer needed. It became a prison and is now a National Park with some of the best snorkeling in North America.

My bicycle trip back to Miami was a struggle with high winds, too many trucks and two flat tires. I am glad to be back in my island where our forts never saw battles either. Hope you have a great 2017 and look forward to a great boating year with the club.

Bill Severson
Commodore



FHSC Scuttlebutt

Editors Note: Do you have something you'd like to share with fellow club members?? Your editor would love to hear from you, just like at the meetings when we ask about special occasions, travels, new/old boats, etc.. **PLEASE** this is your newsletter so don't hesitate to “share your news”!! Yes we are all interested, it's our human nature, inquiring minds want to Know !!!

The Severson's are celebrating their 43rd Anniversary in the air, on the way to see the grand kids.

FRIDAY Harbor Sailing Club
PO Box 62
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Meeting monthly on the 2nd
Tuesday at the Friday Harbor
Grange

Guests are Welcome
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The VICE COMMODORE Report from Randy Everitt



Seasons greetings everyone. I hope you had a great holiday with family and friends, sharing good food and great stories. This new year the sailing club will hopefully generate new stories with new and old friends. As the new Vice Commodore for this year I will bring new and interesting speakers for our meetings that will provide your with entertainment, inspiration and practical knowledge that will be useful for novice sailors as well as the old salts.

There have been several changes to the requirements for passage into Canada and navigating through customs has changed from last year. So you will hear about that very early on. I am planning to bring someone from US customs to our January meeting to throw the spotlight on the new changes. February is also shaping up as a very entertaining presentation for our cruisers who hope to sail into the much warmer climates of the Pacific.

For you racers out there I want to bring you practical knowledge to take the mystery out of racing, how the courses work and assure you that anyone can do it, and everyone is welcome. For those who would like to support the racers we will show you how the committee boats operate and what has to be done to help our as our racers compete for the hardware. It's all very simple.

I intend to have a presentation for you early in the season on how to prepare your boats for the new year and will bring in the islands best mechanics to answer your questions and give you pointers on how to do the basics.

Randy Everitt
Vice Commodore,

The REAR COMMODORE Report from Stefan Michalowski



I'm pleased to take on the duties of Rear Commodore for 2017. Since moving to San Juan Island and joining the Sailing Club two years ago I have benefited enormously from the help, advice and friendship of Club members. And it's been a real treat to crew for Lloyd Bacon and his Laser 28. Serving on the Board is my chance to return the many favors received.

When I bought my Ericson 34 "Mandalay", it was set up mostly for racing. Over two years, I've been transforming the re-christened "Talpa" into a cruiser. Installed an electric windlass, autopilot, a propane system plus heater, and numerous other amenities. Plus I rebuilt the blackwater system (a fun job) and steering. As soon as the warmer weather returns, I'll be ready to go cruising.

I am still a newcomer to these waters and I will need a lot of help in planning the coming season. So I am inviting interested Club members to a meeting Friday, January 20th at the Michalowski's home at 6 PM. I hope that folks will come prepared to take on the role of Cruise Captain for a cruise to their favorite destination.

Stefan Michalowski
Rear Commodore



Cruising Planning Meeting

January 20, 6 PM

At the Michalowski's home

All those interested in cruising this year are invited to the annual planning get together led by Rear Commodore Stefan Michalowski.

Food and beverages will be provided by Stefan and Georgia.

Come prepared to talk up your favorite destination, perhaps take on the role of Cruise Captain.

For more information and to RSVP - stefanjm@gmail.com

Address: 160 Harrison Street, it's the first house on the left going up the hill from the ferry lot.

The FLEET CAPTAIN Report from Jim Reuscher



Hello to my Fellow Club Members , Racers and Racers-To-Be .

Welcome to the New Year and another series of Exciting and Fun races in the Beautiful San Juan Islands.

I know that some of you are already preparing your boats to make them just a little faster and easier to handle so you can unseat prior year winners and take home a wonderful trophy at the Christmas Party at year's end.

Yes the trophy and recognition at year's end is important but more important is the bond you form with your fellow racers and crew members. Plus you have the memories of the time spent out on the water enjoying the beauty that surround us everyday, if we were only to take the time to enjoy it. This year I have seen more whales, sea lions, seals and birds than I can remember. Maybe if I would pay more attention to the race, my results would be better. But that is not why I race. Which brings me to my point in this article.

I took on the position of Fleet Captain this year because it is time for me to give back to the club again as it has done so much for me. I want to increase the participation in the races and get some new people involved both as racers, race captains and committee boats. This means Volunteers, so please help. I also want to attract some NEW RACERS. and possibly new club members.

Those of you that think you cannot participate in a race because you don't know how or are not fast enough need to come out and try it just once. It is FUN and a minimal amount of skill is needed to participate. I am proof of that. I joke that "I did not finish last in a single race this year." This is true, I finished next to last in one race. But I HAD FUN ! and you can too.

Racing improves your seamanship skills and makes you a better sailor and more importantly a much safer sailor. With improved skills comes an increased confidence level and hence makes you more comfortable out on the water and maybe, just maybe, you will go out more often and enjoy your boat more. You learn more from watching a fellow racer that is ahead of you than you do from the racer behind you. How are his sails set and what is his tack ? What is that boat doing differently than you that makes him faster? And remember, racing does not mean you are out there in gale force winds and going fast all the time. There are many races where if you can squeeze 1/2 knot from the wind that is not there you will win the race.

See you all out on the water

Jim Reuscher
Fleet Captain

A Word from our HISTORIAN Sheila Doyle



Happy New Year everyone! New year, new plans, new Sailing Club job - I am taking over as Historian.

Many, many thanks to Gloria Bentzen for all her hard work on the Club scrapbooks. They are wonderful and Gloria, you will be a hard act to follow.

Please send me your photos of any Sailing Club event you attend and I will add them to the book. I don't go to everything and of course, everyone has a different perspective (from their boat, the dock and so on).

SO PLEASE PLEASE email me your photos so we have a memorable yearbook to look back on and share with members on our website or future Working Jib.

Face Book Happenings

I am the administer now for the Sailing Club Facebook page so I would love it if you could send me any photos or announcements you want on it. You should be able to post on your own (if I set it up correctly) but you can send things to me at SheilaDoyleWA@gmail.com. Note the correct spelling of my name: ShEila. People mix up the "e" and the "i" most of the time; the "e" is first, followed by the "i". There is no "i" between the "L" and the "A". I will always let you know if you send me an email for FaceBook, so if you don't hear from me I didn't get the message and my name is probably spelled incorrectly. Happens all the time.

Sheila Doyle,
Club Historian



TREASURER'S COLUMN

Happy New Year wishes to all! As we start the new year it is time to send in our yearly dues to fund 2017 club activities and expenses, so if that is still on your to do list, make sure you send it in by the end of the month. 2016 accounting is not totally completed, but I can say we ended the year in a positive financial position, partly because of a very successful Round the County Race. Final accounting will be completed by our general meeting this month so stay tuned. The board is working on our 2017 budget, so if you have anything that should be included, let someone on the board know. Looking forward to another great year for the club!

Thanks,
Susan Eberhard



The 2016 Christmas Party in Pictures

