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HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FHSC IN March

Tuesday, March 7th

FHSC Board Meeting
Heritage Bank, Conference Room 5:10 PM

Tuesday, March 14

General Membership Meeting
Friday Harbor Grange Hall 5:30 PM
Please bring dish to share and a beverage.
Speaker: US Customs Border Patrol

Tuesday, March 18, 19

Cruise to Stewart Island



Boathenge, Cooper's Landing, Missouri River

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

Back from the Seattle Boat Show, one of our traditions. Before we left for the show my First Mate had already nixed the idea of a new dingy motor so had to settle for new pairs of Gill sailing gloves. You know the ones with the thumb and first finger cutouts, great on the boat and I have fun wearing them all the time, people know right away that I am a sailor, gets the conversation going.

However, buying boat stuff is not the reason we go every year. We love chatting up the folks manning the booths. Talking to the marina reps gets us dreaming of summer cruising, ideas for improvements on the boat, new products that are coming out and meeting an occasional old salty sailor.

This year we met Captain Skip Rowland, he was hawking his new book called No Return Ticket, his adventure at sea. It seems he had his 40-foot sailboat stolen from Marina del Ray by two engine mechanics, boat was set a fire in Mexico and washed up on shore a total loss. So you think, call your insurance agent and then check out the used boat want adds. Not Captain Skip, he borrowed a friend's non-descript Honda and 45 caliber pistol and headed for Mexico. He found what was left of the boat, cried a while and then headed for the local bar for a cold one. Of course, the two thieves were setting at a table. Captain Skip goes back out to the car to retrieve the gun. Back inside he shouts for everyone to hit the deck and tells the two bad guys to put their hands up! He asked one couple to get up off the floor and call the police while he keeps them a gun point. 30 minutes later the Federales show up with lights and sirens, take the two banditos and him to Ensenada. They lock up the crooks, but also detain Captain Skip with the intent to fine him for the costs of removal of his boat.

Captain Skip, sneaks out the back door of the police station and hightails it back to Los Angeles. What a story, of course I had to buy the book. That chapter has a happy ending with a new boat, meets a wonderful girl and travels to Australia, where he manages to get into more jams.

So I will be thinking of old Captain Skip this summer as we sail north to Canada, not south to Mexico.

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Tuesday at the Friday Harbor
Grange

Guests are Welcome
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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 !!!

John and Gloria Bentzen sold their boat!



The VICE COMMODORE Report from Randy Everitt

This month the good folks from Border Patrol will present information on the newest regulations for traveling out of the US by boat and passenger car into Canada and return. There have been some changes and lots of information and misconceptions about traveling across the border. With huge increases in illegal immigrants moving across the border into Canada as the new US administrations immigration policy plays out, we can expect changes and slow downs. It will be interesting to see how our world has changed.



The REAR COMMODORE Report from Stefan Michalowski

People tell me that we are having one of the coldest, windiest and even snowiest winters in recent memory. But people also say that all bad things must come to an end and, indeed, the first signs of spring can already be seen. This in turn leads to thoughts of racing and cruising. With the help of many Club members, and in coordination with the Fleet Captain, I have posted the 2017 cruising schedule on the web site and in the roster. This year's destinations are similar to those of years past, but there will also be an ambitious outing to Barkely Sound on the west coast of Vancouver Island in May, plus a cruise to Langley on Whidbey Island (via La Conner and Coupeville) in July. I would like to urge all members to sign up on the web site as soon as possible, to help the cruise captains with their arrangements and to encourage others to join in.

The year's first cruise will take place on the weekend following the Club's March meeting. Under the leadership of Vice Commodore Randy Everitt, boats will head north to nearby Stuart Island. For many this will be a shakedown event in preparation for a busy spring, summer and fall. For me, it will be a chance to try out the Dickinson propane heater, and the Garhauer rigid vang that I just installed on my "Talpa". Randy says that he hopes this event will give everyone a chance to hone their anchoring skills, and that advice and assistance will be available. I certainly intend to haul line and chain out of the locker beforehand to make sure that all is as it should be. Stuart Island has two large, beautiful, well sheltered anchorages where the holding is said to be good — though on our last visit to Reed Harbor, Georgia and I had to reset three times before we felt confident enough to settle in for the night. (I am a great believer in backing down on the anchor with a full reverse throttle, having had an unpleasant middle-of-the-night experience when this was not done.) I will even carry a trip line, but I am mindful of the fact that the only time sailors ever speak of a trip line is in the sentence "I should have set a trip line". It's too true!

FHSC Cruises 2017

Dates	Destination(s)	Cruise Captain
March 18/19	Stuart Island	Randy Everitt
April 8/9	Deer Harbor	Stefan Michalowski
May 15-25	Barkley Sound	Val Veirs
June 30 - July 5	Sydney, Todd Inlet	Don Jarrell
July 21 - 25	La Conner, Langley, Coupeville	TBD
August 24 -27	Cowichan Bay, Ladysmith	Terry Lush
September 23-24	Orcas Island (seafood)	TBD



The FLEET CAPTAIN Report from Jim Reuscher



Hi to all you racers and fellow club members. Well, again not much racing activity has been undertaken by the club, but the OIYC sponsored the Winter Shaw Classic on Saturday Feb. 18 and Norris Palmer took 4th place in class B division. Not much wind and not a very pretty day, but there were 18 boats and crews out there plying their skills and love for sailing for the chance to say, "I accomplished this". Also, a former islander, Jeff Hulme sailed over from Anacortes to participate in the race and he took 5th place in Class B. Congratulations to both of you.

Earlier in the month I mentioned the Foul Weather Race from Anacortes to Friday Harbor. This race was conducted on 2/25 and fielded a group of about 25 boats. Again, Jeff Hulme participated in that race. I skippered the Committee Boat for the finish and Stefan assisted me in those duties. Hey, we got a chance to get out on the water. We got to meet a bunch of sailors from the Anacortes Yacht Club and had a fine Lasagne dinner at the Yacht Club.

The Spring Series Race is coming up and will be held April 22-23 out of Mitchell Bay. I am still looking for a Race Chairman and a Committee Boat for this race. Now is the time to step up and claim your spots as they are going quickly.

One last thing, Friday night races out of Shipyard Cove, start on Friday March 17 at 4.00 PM...just when the wind stops! There are no classes, there are no rules, everyone is welcome to attend and to participate. We race out to the Reed Rock mark and back again to Shipyard Cove. The course sometimes has been completed in about 30 minutes but, there have been those days when it has taken an hour or more. This is a great opportunity to get back on the water, shake the cobwebs out and get some water moving through that algae growth on the bottoms of our boats.

So that about wraps it up for now, so until next time, take care and I will see you out on the water.

Roster Update

The 2017 club Roster is on schedule for distribution at our March general meeting. Make a plan to attend and pick up your Roster as well as your 2017 Membership card. There may also be some extra Rosters available to purchase for \$5 each if you like to keep one on your boat.

Susan Eberhard - Roster Editor

From our Social Chair Pat Megaw

Our Summer Social Picnic plans are now finalized, as is the RHUMB Regatta dinner, you don't want to miss a single one of these fun summer events. As members of the Friday Harbor Sailing Club we love to enjoy our summers, by being out on the water or outdoors enjoying friends, fresh air and good food, so MARK YOUR CALENDAR.

On June 10 we'll all be enjoying the RHUMB Regatta dinner at the Grange, [hopefully] using the new deck. The cost this year is going to be \$15.00 per person, [the best deal in town] for a delicious dinner and rum beverage, plus there will also be door prizes.

Just a couple days later on June 13, we'll gather at the Lewis homestead on Mitchell Bay, for a potluck and cookout. I'm sure we'll hear the stories about how much fun the RHUMB Regatta was.

Then in July we're going to BBQ at the Grange to initiate the new deck and enjoy the beautiful view and friendships of club members & guests, OH YES, GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME so be sure to bring your friends so they can experience how wonderful our club is. August 8th we all meet up at Shipyard Cove, where we'll board the Pintail landing craft for a trip to Turn Island State Park, bring your own something to grill and a dish to share for a wonderful evening on the shores of Turn Island.

A big thank you to Rebecca Hughes & Howard Crowell, and Alexis Reed for taking care us at the February meeting, the galley and dinner ran smoothly and the decorations were lovely and fun. High Five to each of you!!

February Meeting
Valentine decorations
by Alexia Reed



Galley Crew
Howard Crowell &
Rebecca Hughes

Report from the Shaw Winter Classic



It was that time of the year again, to get out on the water during rain wind and temperatures, Fellow Club members John Manning and Ed Hale ventured out with me on the Cabo Rico NE 400, pilot house and heaters, all the comfort creature items you need. We left the dock at Snug harbor to catch a great current all the way through Wasp Passage and into West Sound and then to the start at the Orcas Inn Hotel where the starting line was. The starting line was a flag on the balcony of the hotel and a flag pole clear across Harney Channel.

We arrived with time to spare awaiting a departure of the ferries and the start. We did some tacking and practicing seeing how we have not been on the boat for a while. The participants began to arrive and it looked like a great turnout. It's cool to see some of the smaller boats stuffed with lots of crew. The start came and the light air began to push everyone clockwise around Shaw Island. Spinnakers' and Gennakers' went a flying. As soon as we reached Hankin Point, the wind died like the lights were turned out, the smaller lighter boats on their way spreading throughout upright channel. The current was pushing us as well as the light air.

We had the espar heater on and the cabin doors open, and the pilot house making it comfortable all the way. Lunch was grand as we drifted out to San Juan Channel just slightly behind the rest of the fleet.

Then the current changed and some boats went to anchor to hold their position hoping for more wind before the finish. After going backward faster than forward (its weird to see the lines of the GPS, with one line going off the nose of your boat as your heading, then another line going to the rear showing your true course and the speed being a negative 1.0.) We waited until the failsafe time to make it back to Snug before the Sun went down, cranked up the Iron Jenny and had a great warm cruise around the island.

Norris Palmer