



# FHSC Working Jib



Friday Harbor Sailing Club

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## HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FHSC IN APRIL

**Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**

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

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**April 7, 8 & 9**

**Deer Harbor Cruise**

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**Tuesday, April 11**

**General Membership Meeting**  
Friday Harbor Grange Hall 5:30 PM  
**Please bring dish to share and a beverage.**  
Speaker: Ken Carrasco, converting to electric

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**April 22, 23**

**Spring Series Race**  
Mitchell Bay



Otter Bay Cruise, 2014



***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](http://www.fridayhARBORSAILING.com)***

NOTE from your WEBMASTER: Make sure your email account has fridayhARBORSAILING.com as a whitelisted or trusted sender of emails so club communications do not end up in your spam file!!



## *The COMMODORE Report from BILL SEVERSON*

Just when I am wondering if this winter weather will ever end, I see a short sun break and the first day of Spring and my mood is brightening. This must be happening to other Club members because I am seeing a flurry of cruise and race sign ups. Next up is the Deer Harbor Cruise on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Laura Jo and I took the get-well card we all signed and gave it to Howard Lewis. We brought along our Ice Cream freezer and all the ingredients and wiped up some excellent ice cream. We may have brightened his spirit because he opened his laptop and signed up for the Deer Harbor Cruise. So please join Howard and Linda and get the boating season off and running.



Travel in style to the Deer Harbor Inn for dinner.

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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### **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 !!!

Howard and Linda Lewis are going on the Deer Harbor Cruise!

Sheila and John Doyle have signed up for the Desolation Sound & Broughtons seminar, why don't you? April 22,23 Skagit Valley College, Mount Vernon, \$250 a couple. Maybe we could car pool.

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### *The VICE COMMODORE Report from Randy Everitt*

Hi everyone. Our guest speaker for April will be Ken Carrasco. Ken will give a power point presentation on converting marine engines to electric. This topic is gaining lots of interest as new sources of power and more efficient propulsion systems are developed. I have considered this concept for an earlier boat I owned as the cost of re powering became so expensive. So if you have an interest in this topic please make sure you come to the meeting and bring a friend.

On another note. I attempted to lead the first cruise to Stewart Island but was defeated by high winds on Saturday. I made it to about 2 miles from Spieden Island and faced wind gusts at 47 knots. So another club member who was also headed to Stewart turned around with us and we made our way back to Friday Harbor. This trip was a couple of weeks too early. The weather is just not cooperating this year. But there is always the Deer Island cruise in April. I hope to see you then.



### *The REAR COMMODORE Report from Stefan Michalowski*

This year's winter has been a tenacious one. The weather did not cooperate on Saturday, March 18, the scheduled beginning of the Stuart Island cruise. Georgia and I took a look at the forecast and decided to stay home. A few Club members were made of sterner stuff. They ventured out into the San Juan Channel, but turned back when they encountered wind of 40 knots and more.

Hopefully, the winds will be more favorable on Friday, April 8, when cruisers will head for nearby Deer Harbor on Orcas Island. The plan is to socialize at the dock that evening, and to enjoy the island on Saturday, including a nice dinner at the Dear Harbor Inn. All interested skippers are asked to sign up on the web site as soon as possible. Another option is to sign up and come to Orcas on the ferry. The more, the merrier!

The traditional Lopez Island Opening Day in Fisherman Bay will be a more elaborate affair, beginning with a potluck dinner on Friday, May 5. There will be a catered dinner on Saturday. This year's theme is Cinco de Mayo. More details will be provided in the coming weeks.



## *The FLEET CAPTAIN Report from Jim Reuscher*

Hello Fellow Sailors , Racers and Club Members

Daylight savings time is upon us and we are enjoying our longer lighter evening hours. Spring has sprung. The birds are singing. The grass is growing and allergy season is in full bloom. But, HEY it is also Cruising and Racing season. Time to get out on the water and see all our old friends and have some FUN.

Friday night Races out of Shipyard Cove resumed on Friday 3/17 . As usual there was no wind. Then too much wind and current at Reid Rock and did I mention the rain. First there was none , then some , then BUCKETS. I was soaked and cold. Scared with the building winds and seas, and came in last. I HAD A BALL and can't wait to do it again this week. I kept telling myself that the boat can take more than me and it will get me home. And it did. Races start at 4 PM with warm-ups at 3 or earlier. NO SKILL is required. Only the desire to have some fun and be with friends.

Spring Series Race is coming up this month on April 22-23. I have decided to move the race from Mitchell Bay to Shipyard Cove in an effort to increase participation in the race. By my last count, we will double the participation with this move. I like to sail out of the West side as there is more room, wind, variations on courses, big boat traffic and whales. But I must also be realistic and try to increase participation. Hence my decision.

The club and its activities are promoted and designed to offer you as members the maximum opportunity to participate and be an ACTIVE member of the club. Be it Racing, Cruising or even helping out with Galley Duty which I particularly enjoy . There are many other opportunities to volunteer so raise your hand and have some fun.

Speaking of participation, John Manning has volunteered to be Race Chairman for the RHUMB Regatta on June 10-11. Thank You John. We still need Committee Boat volunteers and Race Chairmen for all the races except the Single Handed in September. So please give me a call and help out. Operators are standing by. It would be nice to get the Rudi Race covered for Mitchell Bay on May 20. thanks.

Greg Southerland, a new member this year passed an article on to me about a program designed to increase participation in racing by novices that I would like to implement . Any person that is new to racing (first year) will get a 10% handicap in their PHRF rating to help them out and possibly allow them to finish somewhere other than last in every race. Our racing and level of competition is more of a small club race and not highly competitive Olympic qualifying style of play. We have never had a rule book dispute. We are just a bunch of friends out sailing together and having fun. Novices are encouraged to come out and join in the fun. Don't worry about what and how to do something. It all becomes apparent very quickly. Also if you need a ride for a race. Give me a call. I am always looking for someone to go out with be it our scheduled races, Friday nights or Sunday afternoons. Heck now that I am retired, I can go all week.

See you all out on the water



## *From the Social Chair*

A wonderful job of keeping us all organized and orderly as dinner was served, were Alexis Reed, Ann and Don Jarrell. Thank you so much for volunteering to make our March potluck go smoothly and all your hard work, you are very appreciated. We had a good number of members at this meeting and it was really a feast and fun evening, this club really has some outstanding cooks!

On June 10<sup>th</sup> 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. Don't miss it there is a clip & mail in this newsletter and it is NOT to early to send it in.

If you have not yet signed up & volunteered to help with the monthly dinner meeting or the RHUMB Regatta dinner, or the summer activities. Please do so when the sign-up sheets come around at the meetings. Remember we all have ownership in our club and WE are the people that make it successful and fun. I Look forward to seeing you at the April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Grange, where Susie Hendrix and Kathy Chadwick will put us in the mood for Easter and Jon & Tweety Holbrook will happily receive our potluck dishes.

Your Social Chair, Pat



March Meeting Galley Crew:

Don Jarrell

Ann Jarrell

Alexia Reed



### *From the ROSTER EDITOR*

The 2017 club Roster was distributed at the March meeting, but there are still many that were not picked up. They will be available again at the April meeting, so make a plan to attend the general meeting to catch up on summer cruises, races, and social activities and pick up your Roster! We also welcomed 4 new advertisers this year - thanks Howard! When you frequent those businesses who placed ads in the Roster, let them know you appreciate their support of the club through their advertising! Patricia Schnier, who joined last month and was introduced at the March meeting and is already in the Roster.

We also accepted 2 more new membership applications and welcome them to the club also! Update your Rosters with their information, you can cut and staple to page 29.

Susan Eberhard

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**DON'T MISS THE FUN!!!**

**The RHUMB REGATTA DINNER**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 10TH @ 5:00 PM, Social hour begins**

**AT THE SJI GRANGE (one of the best view's in town)**

**ONLY \$15.00 PER PERSON**

**But you must send your check in as this is a prepaid only event .**

**Deadline is June 1st**

**You won't want to miss, a wonderful dinner with friends,**

**A rum beverage is included, (you can also bring your own if you choose)**

**and**

**THERE WILL BE DOOR PRIZES!!**

**Your check enters your name into the door prize drawing.**

**THIS WILL BE THE "BEST" EVENT HAPPENING,**

**THE EVENING OF JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup>!!!**

**Don't Delay send today!!**

**CLIP and MAIL**

**NAME: \_\_\_\_\_**

**GUESTS: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Total No. Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ at \$15.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed**

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