



FHSC Working Jib



Friday Harbor Sailing Club

June 2017

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

June 10 - 11

RHUMB Race
Friday Harbor

June 10

RHUMB Regatta Dinner
Friday Harbor

Tuesday, June 13

Pot Luck outdoor BBQ
Lewis Homestead 5 PM

June 30 -July 6

**Cruise to
Sidney and Todd Inlet**

OH NO! MORE BREAKING NEWS



Reporting live from Roche Harbor. The San Juan's were hit by a strong Spring storm with winds over 50 mph. Ken Weatherill, club member and this reporter were called out by Islands Oil Spill Association to respond to the grounding of two sailboats at Roche Harbor. I walked out to the end of the dock to survey the situation and found Howard Crowell tying up his 35' Capricious Desires. Howard admitted to having had an exciting night.

Sometimes it seems you can't catch a break – Howard and Rebecca just finished two years of trials and tribulations of having to replace the diesel engine. In the meantime, someone had removed their buoy so now they had to leave the boat at anchor but it did not hold during the storm.

Howard reports that his boat had landed on the lead keel so no damage to the boat. He was able to set anchors out and pull the boat off the shore. The red sailboat seen in the background was not as fortunate and will require professional assistance to get back in the water.

Bill Severson



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

Sign-up at:

The club's web-site

www.fridayharborsailing.com



The COMMODORE Report from BILL SEVERSON

On the Pleasures of Sailing

Sometimes the winds are just right. Our weekend trip to Anacortes does not measure up with the club cruise to Barkley Sound however we did have a wonderful time. And this trip was all about the journey.

Friday was a late start because of meetings in town however there was plenty of sunlight to get up to Spencer Spit for a pleasant evening anchorage. We anchored on the south side of the spit and noticed that gave us a straight look all the way through Thatcher Pass and Guemes Channel.

So, Saturday morning we weighed anchor and followed the outgoing tide through the pass and right across Rosario Strait with a perfect combination of southeast winds and currents that pushed us right to Anacortes. *Editor's note: Bill was served his traditional birthday dinner of Pasta Alfredo with Shrimp and cherry pie.*

We arrived in plenty of time to visit all the cute shops along Commerce street and enjoy a late birthday dinner at Anthony's.

The Sunday return trip was a repeat that took us right back through Thatcher Pass without a single tack. Just like golf, sailing days like this are what keep me out of the boat.

Enjoy your sailing summer and see you on the Cruise to Sidney.

From the Social Chair

HERE'S SUMMER, Yep, ready or not it's here, isn't it great!!!

We have a couple of great activities this month; First, the RHUMB Regatta dinner on June 10 at the Grange. Sure hope you got your reservation in because this is not a club activity that you want to miss. If you haven't made your reservation yet, quick like a bunny give me a call and we'll try to get you in, the deadline is June 1st and that is when the meat for our dinner has to be ordered, so it's crucial that you get in on time.

Then, Secondly, just a couple days later on the 13th we'll be having our first summer potluck and BBQ at the Lewis Homestead, 320 DeHaro Lane, remember to bring a dish to share, your own meat to grill and of course your own set-up, there are some picnic tables however if you are able a small table and chairs are advisable. These potlucks are wonderful and the setting is perfect for a beautiful evening with fellow club members. We hope to see every one of you there.

What a great way these two events will be to get our summer started!!!

Pat Megaw, your Social Chair

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Grange

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The REAR COMMODORE Report from Stefan Michalowski

Three crews participated in the Barkley Sound cruise. Here is an excerpt from the Viers blog, go to the link for the complete story and pictures : www.leslieval.com. The next event begins on June 30, with an outing to Sydney and Todd inlet, under the leadership on Don and Ann Jarrell. Eight crews have already signed up. It should be a great event.

On May 15, 2017, Leslie and Val on Cat's Cradle headed 'out to sea' to visit a complex archipelago on the southwestern side of Vancouver Island. This is a diverse group of islands within which there is good protection from the prevailing northwest winds and swell from the northeast Pacific Ocean. But, to get there we have to face that ocean and its winds and waves head on. Three 6-8 hour days of motoring (with just a few hours of sailing when the wind came from the south) brought us to Effingham Bay.

It seemed that we were the only boat in these waters. Then we got a call on the VHF radio from Friday Harbor Sailing Club friends, Ken and Ruth, on Misty Blue. They met us and the club cruise officially began.

We sailed and sailed, stopping at Island Harbor, a large fairly well protected region between Jacque and Jarvis Islands (also known as Joe's Bay). There we met Pam and Dave from Friday Harbor who travel in a cute little power boat named Smuggler. We sailed east to take a spot on the Port Alberni Yacht Club dock on Flemming Island (Deer Group) where two gregarious members, Dennis and Gary, welcomed us. Here we waited out a forecast gale force storm and the wind did blow! But the blow was 'out there' where the water was filled with white caps and 'in here' at the dock, all was calm.

We ended our Barkley Sound Cruise with a celebratory dinner out at Bamfield's Hawk's Nest Pub. Ken, Ruth, Leslie and Val all agreed that this has been a challenging and beautiful exploration of a lightly visited corner of the Northeast Pacific Ocean.



OPENING DAY CRUISE Report by Terry Lush



A hearty flotilla of Friday Harbor Sailing Club vessels braved the treacherous waters of Fisherman's Bay to share Opening Day festivities with the Lopez Island Yacht Club on Friday and Saturday, May 5th and 6th. Beautiful weather prevailed along with camaraderie among the members of both clubs.

FHSC was represented by Phil & Claudia Coose on *Astraea*, Jim Reuscher on *Kathy Sue*, Randy & Donna Everett on *Windsong*, Chris & Alexis Reed on *Salish Dawn*, Linda & Terry Lush on *Hawks Moon*, and Laura and Bill Severson on *Ferry*.

On Cinco de Mayo, we had a potluck dinner held in the banquet room of Lopez Islanders Resort, with bountiful contributions by all. Then festivities really kicked off on Saturday with a tequila drink mixing contest. Entries ranged from margaritas to jello shooters, with all club members in attendance invited to act as the judges. Also that day, Phil Coose and Terry Lush were invited to a great afternoon of sailing aboard Fleet Captain Jim Reuscher's spritely *Kathy Sue*.

Saturday night was the official dinner for the weekend. Catered by the resort, it was a bonanza of Mexican food. For entertainment, there was a trivia contest held just before dinner. While LIYC won the contest by one point, your three team members, represented by Laura Severson, Randy Everitt and Chris Reed, almost did themselves proud. One example of a question and answer was: What is the whistle signal for "I will pass you on my port?" The FHSC answer was: "chirp, chirp, tweet, tweet, tweet." Other questions included "Where is the nearest cardinal buoy?" "Around what island is the Shaw Island Classic raced?" and "Where in the world is Mo Bay?"

All in all a great weekend. Here's hoping we'll see you at our upcoming cruises.

RUDI RACE Report by Greg Sutherland

Sunglasses? Check!
Sunscreen? Check!
Warm temperatures? Check!
Wind? Not so much...

2017 Rudi Race was held May 20th just off Mitchell Bay on the glorious day that we've been looking forward to since last fall.

The racers were:

John Manning and Ed 'King of the World' Hale aboard Narwal, John's Cape George 32 - with her tanbark sails and graceful shear line she's the saltiest boat in Friday Harbor.

Norris & Karen Palmer aboard Fragile Habitat, a Cabo Rico NE 400, a floating palace of luxury and comfort fit for royalty.

Greg Sutherland and Stefan Michalowski took turns driving Wailana, a blue dart Express 34 built by the Alsberg Brothers in Santa Cruz, CA.

Our first three of four races were 'pursuit' style starts with the slowest boat taking off first and the subsequent boats crossing the start line according to their rating. It's a very measured and relaxing way to begin a race with none of the frantic maneuvering and chaos of a traditional start. The beauty of the pursuit start is that whomever crosses the line first is the winner! No calculating of times and handicaps necessary!

The light winds ruffled patches near the starting line but further out on the course large areas of shifting glass make mark roundings a test of patience. During the first race Narwal's boat speed was in short supply due to a giant hairball of kelp attached to their prop. All the practice Ed's had with a boat hook paid off in clearing the running gear!

We took a short break for lunch and while some of us wolfed down a PB&J, John took the opportunity to describe his lunch or 'cestino da viaggio' to us. It included a fancy, recently imported and probably overpriced Italian cheese along with delicate, thin sliced cured-in-a-cave-for-6-years ham. Before he got to the day's wine selection though, my VHF somehow mercifully shutoff.

Back on the course we found for once, that the currents were weak and racers could concentrate mainly on finding the elusive wind. While Fragile Habitat and Narwal would have done well with a nice blustery reach to Kelp Reef and back, the zephyrs of the day kept us on the short course to the green 'D' can at the south end of Henry Island.

In the end, Wailana's fin keel and low wetted surface proved just the ticket for this light air, but the real winner was the weather; the high and warm nurturing sun was so fine we drank it in like water and inhaled it like oxygen.

A truly great day racing on the water!

Greg Sutherland
Guest writer

SIGHTS FROM THE RUDI RACE



Ed “King of the World” Hale



Stephan looks for wind



Ed fishes out the hairball

Come join us for some low key summer racing. It's easy, it's fun and it's very low stress. If you need a ride talk to the [Fleet Captain](#), most boats could always use extra crew, no experience necessary! Next up, the Rhumb Regatta June 10th & 11th!



Fragile Habitat's “Glamour” shot

Be aware of issues with your old Propane Tanks



Don't get caught trying to file your old propane tank at the last minute. Harbor Rental has refused to fill two tanks which were 10 years old. However Internet search shows 12 years as the maximum age in other states so I need to do more research and report back.

Don Hendrix

Wanted Dead or Alive European Green Crab



Recently I went through a training to volunteer to identify and search for European Green Crabs which are an invasive species that has started to appear in Northwest waters. These little guys' color is usually dark green but can change to orange to red to brown. They have five teeth on either side of their face, three protrusions between their eyes and shell is up to three inches wide. These link will take you to illustrations and scientific descriptions.

<http://eol.org/pages/128502/details>; <https://wsg.washington.edu/community-outreach/environmental-threats/invasive-green-crab-volunteer-monitoring-shore-crab-id/>

So far, my only work has been to buy new rubber knee boats, but I have good intentions. There are two teams working on San Juan Island now. This is being coordinated with teams in other areas, and a few shells have been found. Emily Grason is overseeing this work; her email address is egrason@uw.edu. If you should find one of these creatures in your crab pots this season, take its picture, note the location, place it In a plastic bag, and drop it in the freezer. Then contact Emily or call me at 360-370-5915.

Laura Jo Severson