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Friday Harbor Sailing Club

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HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FHSC IN SEPTEMBER

Monday, October 2

Board Meeting 5 PM
Heritage Bank

October 7, 8

Fred Hoepfner International Regatta
Mitchell Bay

Tuesday, October 10

Monthly General Meeting
Friday Harbor Grange 5:30 PM
Potluck bring dish to share & beverage.
Speaker will be Russ Mullins
Marine Sergeant with the Washington
Department of Fisheries and Wildlife
Monitoring for sustainability



Ladysmith Art Show



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

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The COMMODORE Report from BILL SEVERSON



IOLAIR NA MAR sailing in Cowichan Bay with FAIRHOPE following to starboard

Laura Jo and I were enjoying the cruise to Ladysmith and excited about a fun September cruising schedule when we started to get the news of hurricane Harvey bearing down on Houston. On the way back to Friday Harbor the air became dense with smoke from the wild fires raging in BC and Eastern Washington. We made it home and turned on the TV.

Most folks would watch the news and be thankful that they live here and then help by donating some money. Not Laura Jo, she grew up on the Gulf Coast with hurricanes, dreaming of carrying a clipboard, whistle and a hard hat and helping with relief efforts. When Laura Jo retired she started training and getting field experience with the American Red Cross. So as we were watching the news she picked up the phone and asked to be deployed to Texas.

Well the Red Cross did need her, however not in Texas. The Northwest had their own problems with wild fires burning out of control and people moving into shelters. Laura Jo was sent to Cle Elem to supervise the feeding in the shelter. After a week folks started to head back to their homes and the Red Cross closed the shelter. Laura Jo came back home, did some laundry and the phone rang again. This time she was being sent to Houston. I waved goodbyes as she boarded Kenmore Air flight. She is now into her third week riding around the Houston neighborhood delivering and serving hot meals, snacks and water to folks who have lost their cars, homes and belongings. Laura Jo is living her dream of helping others along with over 5,000 other dedicated Red Cross volunteers working in Texas and Florida.

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Meeting monthly on the 2nd
Tuesday at the Friday Harbor
Grange

Guests are Welcome
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Laura Jo Severson on the left with a couple of fellow Red Cross volunteers in Houston



The REAR COMMODORE Report from Stephan Michalowski



AH, morning coffee on the dock at Westsound on the Seafood Cruise

Beautiful fall weather and light winds prevailed during the year's final cruise on September 22-24. Five boats tied up at the Orcas Island Yacht Club's newly-renovated dock in Westsound. On Saturday, several sailors piled into Tweety Holbrooke's car for a visit to the elegant boutiques and eateries of Eastsound. On returning to their boats, they marveled at thousands of jellyfish whose rounded backs dipped up and down on the water as far as the eye could see. Opinions differed as to how the jellies would interact with engine cooling systems.

The OIYC's picnic shelter (which has very nice restrooms and showers) was the scene of the main event: a dinner of grilled salmon, plus assorted hors-d'oeuvres and desserts provided by the crews. A pleasant evening was followed by a peaceful night (during which the jellies quietly slipped away). Boats departed on Sunday morning, and there was enough wind (and a helpful ebb tide) for a leisurely beat up to Friday Harbor.





The FLEET CAPTAIN Report from Jim Reuscher

Hello Fellow Club Members, Sailors and Racers,

Well. We had, or tried to have another race this month with 4 boats showing up but someone forgot to invite the wind to come along also. Needless to say it was quite a pathetic example of racing skill other than it did test your ability to find any wind and negotiate the currents in San Juan Channel. Average speed was less than 1 knot with Talpa and Stefan Michalowski taking top honors.

I will let Norris Palmer tell you all about the race as he kindly wrote the following article:



Arriving at the dock at Shipyard Cove you could see there was just a tad of a breeze. Hearing the day before that the Scallywag races had no finishers because of the wind and currents were an obstacle to finishing or even starting for that matter. I went over to Talpa to check with Stephan to see if Narwhal and Cest La Vie were coming over from the Port. We got on the radio and they said they were on their way.

Our plan was to motor to the start line right inside of shipyard cove and await some wind. We all got to the line and decided 11:00 was a good start. As the horn went off, Talpa was first over the line and on our way to Reed Rock buoy. You could see other boats that were out cruising really pushed by the current coming in. Lanna Ann got on the line next followed by Cest La Vie and Narwhal.

The two lead boats got a straight shot to the buoy and the others got hit by a current that pushed them against the shoreline. Getting around the buoy in light air with a 2 knot current is tricky. You had to sail away from the mark and Lanna Ann passed it to the stern. Tacking back to head to the finish line was a trick as the lead boat got hit by the current and taken almost to the Lab. Lanna Ann was able to avoid it and close hauled to the finish. I sailed right into a hole with no wind as Talpa passed to port slowly but surely. It was good weather and a most challenging race.

Norris

From the Social Chair -

Attention FHSC Members, it's time for the:

ROUND THE COUNTY RACE

Please be advised that the correct date for the Round the County Race which we co-host with Orcas Island Yacht Club is November 11-12. NOT November 4th-5th, as published in our year book.

If you have signed up to help, or want to join in the festivities which take place at; Roche Harbor party tent on the dock on Saturday, November 11 please mark your calendar with the correct date.

(I will also be sending an email to the wonderful volunteers that have signed up to help, of this change.)

Thank you, Pat Megaw, Social Chair

