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Friday Harbor Sailing Club

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

### Monday, November 6

Board Meeting 5 PM  
Heritage Bank

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### November 11, 12

Round The County Race & Dinner  
Roche Harbor

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### Tuesday, November 14

Annual General Meeting  
Friday Harbor Grange 5:30 PM  
Potluck bring dish to share & beverage.  
Board Election of Officers



Sunset in Montague Harbor



***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)***

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## *The COMMODORE Report from BILL SEVERSON*



### The Club needs your leadership help!

It takes quite a bit of effort to keep a club running smoothly and successfully. However by dividing the tasks up each Board position a fun experience. The main work of the Board members is to delegate the chores to the membership who are eager to help. Whether it be a Cruise Captain, Race Committee or Galley Crew our members always jump in to help.

The issue this year is leadership, our Nominating Committee has not been able to find anyone willing to take the positions of Rear Commodore or Social Chair.

Your talent is needed and I guarantee you will have a great time.

Friday Harbor Sailing Club  
PO Box 62  
Friday Harbor, WA 98250

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

Guests are Welcome  
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The 2017 Friday Harbor Sailing Club Board



## *The REAR COMMODORE Report from Stephan Michalowski*

So the Sailing Club's 2017 cruising season has come to an end. I believe that it has been a successful one, and I know the reason why: some very public-spirited Club members stepped up and took on the duties of Cruise Captain for the individual events. This was a good thing since I myself am still unfamiliar with most of the destinations, and because, due to unfortunate circumstances, Georgia and I were not able to participate very much.

I'm confident that we will be out on the water a great deal more next year. Anticipating this, I have been expending time, effort, treasure (and some blood) to convert my 34-foot Ericson sloop from a racer (as she was when I bought her three years ago) to a cruiser. The biggest job was putting in the electric windlass. Then there was the heater, the stove, the autopilot, the refrigerator, mattresses in the forepeak, plus countless lesser upgrades and repairs. Rebuilding the "black water" system was even nastier than I thought it would be. And then there was the time I took apart the steering pedestal and neglected to cross the cables when putting it back together. I had quite a surprise (and a wild scramble) when backing out of the slip for a trial run!

So am I content, now that the work is done and "Talpa" rocks serenely in Shipyard Cove, her boot stripe freshly polished and waxed? Of course not. Lurking in the log-book - and in the back of my mind - is "The List", that seemingly endless enumeration of items that need to be fixed or replaced. The cabin sole is still a disaster, the settee cushions are an embarrassment, the mainsail cover is falling apart, the AIS data is not displayed on the chart plotter, and so on and on and on.

I'd like to think that the list will shrink as I get busy during the offseason, but I'm not very hopeful. The rule of thumb seems to be that two items get added for every one that is crossed off. Still, if only as a mental exercise, I try to imagine a "Listless Talpa" - a purely theoretical perfect boat in which nothing leaks, wears out, warps, rusts, fades, stains or sticks. I have to admit that my mind is not capable of conceiving such a thing. It would require a violation of the Laws of Nature on a scale that causes the whole exercise to collapse. But that's just me. There may well be a Club member with a spiffier boat and a more powerful brain who can achieve a state of sailing nirvana. If there is, I would be grateful if he or she would buttonhole me at the next meeting, and tell me how it's done.





## *The FLEET CAPTAIN Report from Jim Reuscher*

Hello Fellow Club Members, Sailors and Racers,

Racing season, as far as Club Sponsored races has come to a close for another year. I am sad to see it go but it has been an eventful year that came in with a loud bang and left with a whimper, with many ups and downs through the middle.

Spring Series started the year out with 30 knot winds that dis-masted John Manning and Ed Hales boat "Bellweather". The second day of the race I was pressed into service with my heavy and slow boat and managed to finish in third place with Ed Hale as my co-Captain. Good wind and sailing that second day.

We should have called the season at that point as there was LITTLE or NO WIND for the next 3 races. Rhumb Regatta had Lloyd Bacon as the winner and only finisher on the first day and pathetic 1/2 knot speeds the second. Much the same with the Single Handed Race where Stefan and Norris slugged ( the slow garden variety slug) it out taking 3 hours to cover a 1.9 mile course. Sounds exciting. But wait there is more.

On a high note, Fiona Sutherland entered the Jill & Jack Race ( her FIRST ) and won it all. There was actually some wind that day but not much. Enough though for Fiona.

Racing for the club is completed for the year but that does not mean there are no more races.. We still have the Round The County Race coming up in November and the FHSC is a BIG part of that event. We host the Hospitality Tent in Roche Harbor and staff many of the Committee Boats and Mid-race check points. Your help in any of these areas is welcomed and needed, plus it is a lot of fun to hang with fellow sailors from all over the Puget Sound area and Canada. Contact Pat Megaw if you want to help out.

Finally we elect the new Board Members this November at the General Meeting. I like this meeting because there is no set agenda other than to visit, elect and talk about the past and coming year.

See you all out there.



## *From the Social Chair -*

The beginning of November will keep our membership busy, with co-hosting Round the County race weekend on the 11th, and our monthly meeting only a couple days later on the 14th. Both events are special for our club as we share the comraderies of working and having fun together.

November 11<sup>th</sup> is the date for our big party at Roche Harbor party tent located on the main dock, we'll be celebrating the first day of the Round the County race and welcoming the sailors for refreshment and socializing with stories of their day. This is always a fun party and even if you did not volunteer to be a "worker bee" for this evening, come and join the fun.

Then on November 14<sup>th</sup> we have our last "monthly meeting" of the year, our wonderful hosts in the Galley will be Val & Leslie Veirs. Rebecca Hughes and Howard Crowell will make sure we enjoy a festive evening with decorations of the season. Be sure to bring a dish to share and join us.

Don't overlook RESERVING THE DATE OF DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>!! For our Christmas party/dinner, which will be held at the Masonic Lodge in downtown Friday Harbor. [Notice elsewhere in this newsletter]. This is a prepaid/reservation only dinner, which you do not want to miss as it is our highlight event every year! More information and details will be sent to you very soon.

Have a Happy & Blessed Thanksgiving,

Thank you, Pat Megaw, Social Chair



FRIDAY HARBOR SAILING CLUB

REQUESTS THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE

FOR THE

THIRTY EIGHTH ANNUAL HOLIDAY CELEBRATION DINNER,

AWARDS PRESENTATION

AND THE

TWO THOUSAND EIGHTEEN OFFICER INTRODUCTIONS

ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER TWELFTH,

TWO THOUSAND AND SEVENTEEN

AT SIX O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

BEING HELD AT

THE MASONIC LODGE,

FIFTEEN SECOND STREET,

FRIDAY HARBOR, WASHINGTON

DINNER CHARGE IS \$25.00 PER PERSON

AND REQUIRES

PRE-PAID RESERVATIONS BY DECEMBER FIRST

YES, I / WE PLAN TO ATTEND ON DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2017.

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

NUMBER ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK ENCLOSED FOR \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RETURN NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> TO:

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