



# FHSC Working Jib



Friday Harbor Sailing Club

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

### Tuesday, February 6

Board Meeting 5 PM  
Heritage Bank

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### Tuesday, February 13

Monthly General Meeting  
Friday Harbor Grange 5:30 PM  
Potluck bring dish to share & beverage.  
Stefan Michalowski, Laura Jo Severson & Greg  
Sutherland will present the Cruising and Racing  
programs for this year.

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### Saturday, February 17

Shaw Island Winter Classic Race

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## Sad News!

Mary Bacon passed away last month. Keep Lloyd in your thoughts and prayers.



***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 John Manning*

January, boat show season for the inclined. I like to skip a few years so I am surprised by all the “new” things I find. We won’t make it this year but hope to hear from those that do.

I also missed the “salute the compass” ceremony this year but heard there was a good turnout this year. Hopefully that is a sign of things to come for the new year, good participation in cruises and races that are being planned right now.

I don’t know when the first cruise will be but if you want to get some of the winter grime off your gear. The the Winter Shaw Race put on by the Orcas Yacht Club is scheduled for February 17. Usually good wind and a good after race party at Orcas. Check it out.

So during my last stint as Commodore I tried to follow Lloyd Bacon’s example and tell a story about a different boat of mine each month. I probably started with the family Aquacat, a twelve foot catamaran on which I learned to sail. But, I recently realized that was not really my first boat. That would actually have been a rickety raft that my younger brother and I put together. It had a very short life and did not even make it across the small lake in the neighborhood. It did however, introduce us to that thing so much worth doing “simply messing about in boats.”



## *The VICE COMMODORE Report from Stefan Michalowski*

It’s the end of January, and admit that I have not taken my boat out in the new year. I do go down to Shipyard Cove about once a week to make sure that the boat is safe and dry. I used to be a tougher guy, even sailing in the Arctic amidst snow and ice . But now, with advancing age, I tend to focus on challenges like making the forepeak berth more comfortable, getting the boat to steer itself more efficiently, or upgrading the galley to match Georgia’s phenomenal cooking skills. So have I gone soft, and is the spirit of adventure completely extinguished? Well, no - not entirely. Because as I contemplate the placid delights of the upcoming cruising season, I’m also thinking eagerly about the Club’s racing schedule. Along with Fleet Captain Greg Sutherland and several other Club members, I’ve been looking at ways of strengthening our racing program, and getting more boats - and more bodies - out on the race course. This topic will be discussed at the February meeting. Those of us who love to race will try to convey the challenges, intensity, thrills, surprises and sheer pleasure that we have experienced in almost every single race, regardless of whether we won, lost or didn’t even finish. We will also be listening to fellow members, and trying to devise ways to make the racing program more diverse, more accessible, more fun.

Although I’ve never been a particularly successful racer, I’ve been at it as long as I’ve been sailing. Sometimes in boats that I have owned (Cal 20, Olson 25, Ericson 34), sometimes on boats that I chartered with friends, but mostly as an enthusiastic crew member on a dozen fine boats, including a Beneteau First 42, J24, J35, Islander 28, and not forgetting Greg’s Express 34, Lloyd Bacon’s Laser 28, Jim Reuscher’s Cascade 27, and Ray Pingree’s Raven. So many wonderful memories crowd into my mind when I look back on my modest sailing history. Some of it was high drama: split-second maneuvers on a crowded starting line, frenetic mark roundings with dozens of skippers clamoring for room, wild spinnaker sleigh rides, dismastings in the middle of windy San Francisco Bay, sudden encounters with other racers, freighters and ferries. But I also remember long hours of straight line reaching, trying to gain a few inches on a competitor; the camaraderie of shared adventure; the challenge of making a boat go fast in light shifting winds, the arcane tactics called for by shifting currents, the pleasure of arriving at the dock after an intense, exhausting day on the water.



## *The REAR COMMODORE Report from Laura Jo Severson*

As I enter my term as Rear Commodore, once again I ask, “What did I get myself into now?” Luckily, I will be able to work with a competent board and an amazing group of members who are willing to volunteer when needed. I look forward to coordinating an exciting and adventure-filled cruising season. On January 16, volunteers came to my house to plan these cruises which will be listed below. Cruising is a flexible activity, and members who wish to co-captain to learn the ropes are invited to do so. Also, if anyone wants to recommend and organize an additional cruise, please let me know.

Several of our member couples also belong to the San Juan Island Yacht Club, and we have been invited to join in on a couple of their cruises. These events will not conflict with our own activities and are just intended to provide additional opportunities to get out on the water.

The Past Commodore and I have enjoyed taking the SV Fairhope to Seattle and docking at Bell Harbor Marina. The location is within walking distance of great restaurants, museums, the baseball stadium, and (of course) Nordstrom and Macy’s. We can motor there in eight hours, but it is more fun spending the night along the way. If you are interested in doing such a cruise, let me know.

### **2018 Friday Harbor Sailing Club Cruises**

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| <b>April 20-22</b>     | <b>Rosario Marina</b> - Cruise Captains John and Kathleen Salinas, Stefan Michalowski and Georgia Smith |
| <b>May 5-7</b>         | <b>Fisherman’s Bay, Lopez Opening Day</b> – Cruise Captain TBD.   |
| <b>May 18-20</b>       | <b>Garrison Bay</b> – Cruise Captains TBD   |
| <b>June 15-17</b>      | <b>Sucia</b> - Cruise Captains Chris Reid and Stefan Michalowski <b>with SJIYC</b>                      |
| <b>June 29-July 2</b>  | <b>Canada Day</b> - Cruise Captains John and Sheila Doyle   |
| <b>July 13-16</b>      | <b>Bellingham</b> - Cruise Captains Ann and Don Jarrell   |
| <b>July 27-29</b>      | <b>Port Browning</b> - Cruise Captains Terry and Linda Lush <b>with SJIYC</b>                           |
| <b>August 21 – 23</b>  | <b>Telegraph Harbor</b> - Cruise Captains Susie and Don Hendrix   |
| <b>September 7 - 9</b> | <b>Last Tango at Orcas Island</b> Cruise Captains Laura Jo and Bill                                     |



## *The FLEET CAPTAIN Report from Greg Sutherland*

We're prepping for a great year of racing in 2018!

A big round of applause needs to go out to Jim Reuscher for manning the helm of the race program in 2017. He really stepped up into the breach and did a lot of the heavy lifting to keep the program running.

While winter is the slow season for racing there is still the Shaw Island Winter Classic on February 18. It starts off the Orcas Hotel and circles Shaw clockwise. There's usually a least a dozen or so boats out to brave the February elements. There is usually more wind than the summer Shaw Island Classic and it can sometimes be fairly pleasant conditions (or so I've heard!).

We've sent out the results of the racing survey and were encouraged by the response. We'll be taking your input into account and formulating the race program around that information. I'm planning on giving a short talk called, 'Why Race' at the general meeting in February.

Winter's a great time to catch up on all those boat projects while you dream of warmer days! I'm currently remodeling the head compartment on Wailana and am becoming somewhat adept at filling all the mystery screw holes with faring compound, then sanding, then filling, then sanding.... It's at the ugly stage now but will hopefully be nice when it's done; at the rate it's going I expect to put the final coat of paint on in the summer of 2023!

Hope to see you out on the water!

### **2018 Friday Harbor Sailing Club Racing Schedule**

<b>May 12</b>	<b>Rudi Spring Series - Friday Harbor</b>
<b>June 9</b>	<b>RHUMB Regatta – Friday Harbor</b>
<b>June 23, 24</b>	<b>Fred Hoepner International Regatta - Mitchell Bay</b>
<b>July 21</b>	<b>Friday Harbor Fiasco - Friday Harbor</b>
<b>August 4</b>	<b>Jack and Jill Race - Friday Harbor</b>
<b>August 11</b>	<b>Shaw Island Classic - Friday Harbor, sponsored by SJIYC</b>
<b>September 1</b>	<b>Lopez Cup - Fisherman's Bay, sponsored by LIYC</b>
<b>September 25</b>	<b>Single Handed Race - Friday Harbor</b>
<b>October 6</b>	<b>Benson Cup - Start off of Johns Island, sponsored by OIYC</b>
<b>November 10, 11</b>	<b>Round the County Race - East side of Orcas Island, by OIYC/ FHSC</b>



## *From STAFF COMMODORE Bill Severson*

### *Newest Club Member articles*

## Ray & Jenny Pingree



Both Jenny and I are experienced sailors, she having won many races on San Francisco Bay and myself numerous National Championships and World Championships. Offshore races have included 4 Transpacs, and 9 Mexican races, and countless coastal races, and 5 time champion in the Saint Francis Big Boat Series. I have ran a sailing school for many years in Santa Cruz and enjoy teaching seamanship and safety at sea. I have built many offshore racing sailboats of the IOR vintage and was also instrumental in the creation of the Santa Cruz 52. At a young age I cruised many summers up and down the Pacific Coast in our family sailboat and learned a healthy respect for the Sea.

Sailing has always been a priority in my life. Starting at an early age, my parents taught us to appreciate the Sea.

David came from the UK to practice medicine in Canada. He found me in Victoria where we were married in '74: we had to catch the tide to spend our wedding night on his wooden sailboat, anchoring at Sidney Spit. These have been our favorite cruising grounds ever since.

We came to the States in 1975, spending most of our years in Oregon. Sailboats gave way to float planes to get up to BC but soon we were back to sailing. David left his practice and we went off cruising with our two children who were 10 and 11 at the time. We sailed our 45 ft. wooden ketch, ANANDA, down through the Panama Canal and up the East Coast. Five years later we were back in Portland.

After another five years of David's commute to Salem to do administrative medicine while we remodeled houses in Portland, it was time for another adventure. In a 42ft. aluminum sloop, we set sail once again but without children and this time trucking the boat across from San Diego to Fort Lauderdale to refit, cruise the Caribbean, and sail up to Maine.

Back in the Northwest, we decided to change to power and bought a trawler, then an aluminum power catamaran. And now we are back to a Cal 40! The adventure never ends.

Rhys, our son, is passionate about sailing. He plans to open a Sailing school here to teach coastal and offshore sailing. Our daughter, Gwyneth, is living and working in various international schools with her husband in Asia.

Working from home allowed us to move up here with our dog to our five acres. The remodel is done, David is retired from medicine, and we are, once again, working on a sailboat. Seems we have gone full circle.

## David & Kate Balmer



## *From the Secretary*



The San Juan Island Sailing Foundation was represented during our January regular meeting. Peter and Susan Risser, past club members, gave an overview of the history of the foundation, its current status, and an invitation to join.

The Sailing Foundation was started to as a way to advance sailing on the island; it was modeled after a The Sailing Foundation in Redmond, WA whose primary missions are, “youth sailing and safety at sea”. Young sailors are first introduced to sailing in the pond off of Wold Road across from the Lavender Farm. Experienced sailors, youth to adults, sail out of Jackson Beach.

Recently, the Foundation teamed up with Island Recreation to recruit students eight years and older to join the ranks of “island sailors”. Classes start in mid-July, continue for six weeks, and are offered for beginners and intermediate sailors. During this same time period, dingy racing events are held every Tuesday evening at Jackson Beach. Peter says “Everyone taking a class learns to be a better sailor. Even seasoned sailors enjoy the classes and take away valuable sailing skills.”

In mid-April this year, the Foundation will host the Island Cup at Roche Harbor. High School sailing teams from the area, including Port Townsend, Anacortes, and many others, compete each year at different locations in this area-wide sailing competition. With this year’s competition being held here on San Juan Island, local sailors are encourage to attend and even get involved.

The San Juan Sailing Foundation invites everyone to become a member and support sailing education on our island. Peter invites us all, “Everyone has skills that we can use: repair and or paint club boats, help update our web page, help manage our Facebook page, serve on our board, and teach islanders to sail.” The board meets on the first Tuesday of every month at the San Juan Island Yacht Club facility at 273 Front St. in Friday Harbor. Contact Peter Risser at 360-378-5448 for more information.

Written by Kathleen Salinas, Club Secretary, January 20, 2018

Photos from the San Juan Sailing Foundation web site at [sanjuansailing.org](http://sanjuansailing.org)

## *Canada Day Cruise to Sidney - Sheila Doyle*



Cruise to Sidney BC on the Horizon!

The summer sailing season can't come soon enough!! John and Sheila Doyle are cruise captains for the Cruise to Sidney this summer for Canada Day. It is NOT too early to plan because that weekend fills up the Marina. The Cruise to Sidney is scheduled for Friday, 6/29--Monday 7/2. We have made "reservations" for 10 boats but the slips are not held. It is first come, first service for this busy time. So if you are interested, call the Sidney Marina ASAP and reserve your own slip using your own credit card. The telephone number for the Port of Sidney Marina is (1-250-655-3711). The Marina said to book no later than a month before but there is no guarantee a slip will be available that close to the date. We have already made our reservation.

We have reserved the barge for a docktail potluck for Friday evening, 6/29. The gorgeous fireworks are Saturday, 6/30. The Parade and the Boat Building Competition and other events will be Sunday, 7/1. Is there an interest in setting time aside for Mah Jongg? The official end of the cruise is Monday morning, 7/2. Of course you can come sooner or stay later. You will work that out with the marina when you make your reservations. We will keep everyone posted as things get planned further. Sheila & John Doyle 360-375-6667. ShEilaDoyleWA@gmail.com (be sure to spell my name correctly!! People put the "i" everywhere....)

