



# FHSC Working Jib



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

### Tuesday, March 6

Board Meeting 5 PM  
Heritage Bank

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### Tuesday, March 13

Monthly General Meeting  
Friday Harbor Grange 5:30 PM  
Potluck bring dish to share & beverage.  
Leslie & Val Viers present  
the Whitsunday Islands

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2017 Round the County Race start



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***The club's web-site***

***[www.fridayharborsailing.com](http://www.fridayharborsailing.com)***

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## *The COMMODORE Report from John Manning*

February sees the days getting longer, just enough sun to tempt you to go down to the boat, but these days just a little too cold for longer cruises. The predicted winds even kept me from the Shaw Winter Race, although several boats finished in great time.

I see we have no cruises or races scheduled for March. Pamela and I will be gone for a couple of weeks, but maybe we can get an informal cruise to Stuart or some place close. The longer the days the more tempting it will be to shake off the winter grime and go.

So, if the raft was my first boat, the Aquacat was the first sail boat. My father took us all over northeast Ohio and even to western Pennsylvania for regattas. The closest thing to a cruise was when my brother and I took the boat for a circumnavigation of Kelley's Island. This was not a huge trip, the island is 3 by 5 miles (the largest in the U. S. side of Lake Erie), but we were out of sight of the parents. We made it around without incident and maybe set a precedent for the future.

Keep warm, spring is on the way. See you on the water soon.

JM



## *The VICE COMMODORE Report from Stefan Michalowski*

With snowflakes swirling in the cold wind, a Friday Harbor sailor's thoughts turn naturally to that sweet time - now only two or three months away - when he will be standing at the helm of his or her boat, skin caressed by a warm, gentle (but not too gentle!) breeze. Winter is a time for occupations other than sailing, the sailor says, forgetting that, for incomprehensible reasons having something to do with the orientation of the Earth's axis, the inhabitants of the southern hemisphere are being caressed by those very breezes even as we shiver.

This mysterious fact was not lost on our good friends Leslie and Val Veirs. They had the good sense to jet down to Australia and, along with six of their friends, to charter a 48-foot catamaran in the Whitsunday Islands. The story of their ten-day adventure in that wonderful place will be told at the Club's March 13 meeting. To whet the appetite, they have provided this beguiling picture, one of many that we will get to see:





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

### The Joy of Cruising



I think best part of owning a boat is cruising. We have been sailing the waters of Western Washington and British Columbia and have yet to come close to completing our bucket list. Going out with other boaters has given us the opportunity to meet people and make lasting friendships while exploring our world. I am looking forward to this season because we will visit some new ports and join with boaters from SJIYC for two cruises.

I am looking forward to our April cruise to Rosario. We first went there in 1994 with our teenage son Paul. It was one of the last times he was willing to spend weeks on forced family fun on the boat. Our 28 ft. boat didn't provide enough privacy for him so he spent a number of days being towed in the dinghy. The swimming pool and facilities at Rosario were a welcome release for him.

Many of our club members like the Canada Day cruise best. Port of Sidney is one of the best marinas in the area. The parade through town is amazing, almost as good as Friday Harbor's 4th of July. We always spend an extra day or two and ride the bus to Victoria or Butchart Gardens.

If a new boater has not ventured on a cruise, one of ours is a good way to start. Basically, everyone eats, imbibes, talks boats, reads, and relaxes. There are a few things to remember: take extra clothes if somebody falls in the water. You might ask the Past Commodore about this. Don't try to bring eggs into Canada. Ask Tweety and John about their experience. Almost anything that happens will become a good sea story for next winter. I don't think that Canadian wine is as good as ours, but they seem to compensate by having great bakery products.

Right now, it is still cold and windy and spring might be in the far distant future. However, hope springs eternal.



## *The TREASURER Report from Susan Eberhard*

### *Keeping Track of Finances, Roster, and Website*

We ended 2017 in a good financial position and are well set to support many fun events and activities in 2018. The budget has been set for the coming year based on dues renewals collected as well as reserves we have in the bank, so we're set to go.

The Roster is in the final stages of proofing with distribution starting at the March General meeting – make sure you come to pick up the schedule of races, cruises and social events as well as contact information for all club members. Remember that there are always a few extra Rosters for sale at the meeting if you want one to keep on your boat as well as at the house – a bargain at \$5 each. And remember to support our wonderful Roster advertisers who help defray the cost of printing! Let them know we appreciate their support.

Speaking of races, cruises and social events – make sure you check out our new website design. It provides a great way to keep up to date throughout the year on the latest information for all club events as well as signing up for races and cruises. To do all of that, click on Calendar, browse to the event you are interested in, click on [signup](#) to do just that, click on [info](#) to get information on the event, and click on [list](#) to see who else is going! EASY!

Looking forward to another great year for the FHSC!

Susan





*From STAFF COMMODORE Bill Severson  
Newest Club Member*



## Susan Bamford

I was raised in Concord, Mass and Harpswell, Maine where my family has a salt water farm.

Small craft have always been around starting with working skiffs and lobster boats.

Casco Bay is a lobster haven.

When her cousin got a Hobie cat things started to get exciting.

Since then canoes, then kayaks on E Coast rivers, Oregon, Alaska.

30 yrs of owning and cruising the Salish sea on a wonderful Cape Dory.

Now the fleet is West Wight Potter “Dolly Varden” a 15 ft day sailer that went from alpine lakes to Salish Sea.

A life long learner Sue is open to all the local knowledge offered.

Sue is full-time on island for the last few years.

## *From the Secretary*

# Sailing with Orcas in Mind



Sailing in the area of the San Juan Islands can put you in the path of a pod of resident or transient Orca Whales. What's a sailor to do if you find yourself in the path of a pod of Orcas.

First, you must know the law:

- It is illegal to approach whales at a distance of 200 yards.
- It is illegal to position your boat or stay in a position less than 400 yards of a pod of whales heading your way.
- It is illegal to have your transmission engage while less than 200 yards from Orcas.
- It is illegal to feed Orcas

Now, imagine yourself sailing in a light wind close to South Pender Island while ready to enjoy an afternoon tea. You notice several boats also close to shore but at a considerable distance. This is a popular fishing area and you sip your tea. You complete a tack which has you heading back towards to shore when you notice the boats are much closer and closing in on you. You then realize that you have a pod of Orcas heading your way. What to do? How do you stay within the law. Your engine is not engaged and you don't plan to feed these large mammals. You are however soon to be within 400 yards. Yes, you are in their path, yet, you did not position your boat in their path. Could you be faced with a citation?

Maybe. At this point, your best action would be to tack out and away from the island. The Orcas will often follow the shoreline while searching for food. You do not want to be between them and the island. So, tack your boat and continue sailing, put down the tea and take pictures while the whales slip behind you.

This may sound easy but what if you tack your boat away from the island and find yourself approaching the whales. In fact, you seem to now be surrounded by whales. John and I found ourselves in this same situation. We have to stop our boat's forward motion. Minutes later, we were approached by a whale research boat and they thanked us for doing the right thing as they motored past.

Cheers, Kathleen Salinas  
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## *Cruise to Rosario April 20-22*

### **Weather:**

Friday/Saturday; Sunny, 5 to 10 knot SW wind, star filled night skies; Sunday; sunny, 5 to 10



I called Rosario Resort and talked to Terry Jones. He agreed that we each need to make our own slip reservation (\$1.00/foot/night) for our April 20,21,22 cruise. Terry's number is 376-2222 ex 5 and he is off on Tuesday and Wednesday. After a little creative thought, an idea for the week-end schedule might be:

### **Friday, April 20:**

Arrive, check in, dock walk (boat, open house) 1600 hrs, pot luck dinner 1800 hrs, dessert in restaurant at 2000 hrs.

### **Saturday, April 21:**

Breakfast on your own, restaurant or dockside, walk to Cascade Lake, 1000 hrs, bring a lunch, Christopher Peacock organ concert 1600 hrs (bring a coat and tie or long dress and white gloves), Roaring 20's theme, pot luck dinner (we don't know what that means ether) 1800 hrs, dessert in restaurant 2000 hrs.

### **Sunday, April 22:**

Earth Day Celebration, Earth shaped waffles and strawberry islands swimming in a whip cream ocean (colored blue) breakfast (bring your waffle irons) 0900 hrs, dock walk until departure in dress from around the world (where is my sombrero) , discover the resort 1-hour guided walk 1100 hrs.

### **Other notes of interest:**

**Fees** are still at their winter rates, we will be grouped on the south dock if, when you make reservations, you **mention** that you are with Friday Harbor Sailing Club, there is **no alcohol** allowed on the grounds, but it is allowed on the docks, they only have 40, 50 and 60 foot **slips** and charge by your boat length, the Rosario Resort monitors VHF **channel 78**, sign up on our FHSC web site, Sunday is **Earth Day**....nice to be together for that, project ideas while on Orcas for Earth Day? More information about the Rosario Resort can be found at: <https://rosarioresort.com/museum/>

Sign up at: [http://www.fridayharborsailing.com/signup/?event\\_id=0](http://www.fridayharborsailing.com/signup/?event_id=0)