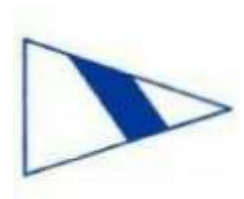


# *THE WORKING JIB*



## Friday Harbor Sailing Club

## October 2020



This Round the County image is a reminder of good times to come!  
Our 2020 race has been canceled but big plans are in store for 2021.



## From the Commodore

Dear Friends,

Three Friday Harbor Sailing Club boats sailed to Deer Harbor last month captained by Bill and Laura Jo Severson, Sue Bamford plus friend, and Sean Grayson; a good time was had by all.



We ate appetizers on Fairhope Friday night.

We hiked over to Michael Durland's boatyard to talk boats and pet his goats.

We ate a delicious meal at the former Deer Harbor Inn, now named Matthew's Smokehouse. The same people still own it, but the menu has changed to barbecue. The food was great and the prices were a little cheaper.



We shared muffins Sunday morning and then sailed home.

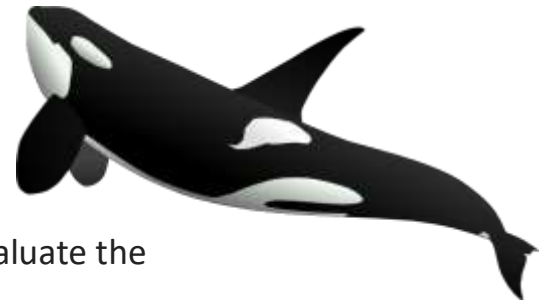


I am proud that we were able to practice safe distancing plus mask wearing. After two weeks plus, nobody got sick. *Laura Jo*

## Special Interest Notice from Laura Jo

I am on the county Marine Resources Committee and have been asked to share this questionnaire with FHSC members.

As boaters you all are in a good position to observe and evaluate the conditions in our waters. Please click on the link and follow the instructions. No worries if you prefer to not do this.



Thanks for your help.

*Laura Jo Severson*

'We invite you, as a member of the recreational boating community to participate in this short survey.'

<https://www.surveylab.com/pageTag/SurveyCampaign/cld/e54b0730726b325ec29dab5cc5d52a31296a210771/>







## From the Fleet Captain

# FLEET NEWS

Fall is upon us. The days are shorter and the sunsets are spectacular.

The cruising grounds are once again nearly empty of tourists and are almost exclusively ours to use as we please. If you ever wanted to know why you live and cruise up here: the weather and the peace and solitude of these cruising grounds will re-affirm your decision.

I had the opportunity to spend some time out on Center island this past weekend and the sunsets were spectacular.





It is now official that the Round the County Race has been cancelled due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. That's too bad as it was one of FHSC's favorite events plus it was our big end-of-summer party and get together . Looking at all those pretty boats and interacting with the Skippers and crews was one of the highlights of my nautical year. The following is the official posting :

### The 2020 Round The County Race has been cancelled due to COVID-19.

Regrettably, OIYC and Friday Harbor Sailing Club have decided to cancel this year's RTC race due to COVID-19. Understandably, this news will be disappointing to many. We know interest is high and we've heard from several competitors that have successfully adapted to short-handed racing this season and that have implemented effective safety measures on board. Unfortunately, this race is one that depends on an overnight stop. San Juan County remains in Phase 2 and Roche Harbor has suspended all larger group events until Phase 4, including rendezvouses and weddings. While we had already planned to cancel all group activities, the marina and race organizers felt that the risk of bringing upwards of 500 racers together in a single location would be too high. We were also concerned with the ability to run a professional race with limited race committee staff; excluding our Canadian friends due to the U.S./Canadian border remaining closed; and the approaching flu season. We considered adapting to a non-stop version, but ultimately felt it best to cancel and come back next year bigger and better than ever. We hope you and your family stay safe and we look forward to welcoming you back next year!

John Manning and I were signed up to participate in the Lopez Cup Race on Saturday September 12th.

Twenty-three boats entered the race, only 11 crossed the finish line, and 8 boats did not start the race.

Those numbers may seem to be terrible statistics and they are. What you have to understand is that on the 12th of September we were in the middle of a smokey-no wind period.

There was NO wind ! John and I were heading down to the boat and we could not make out Griffin Bay from the top of the hill on Cattle Point Road. It was not a nice day.



FHSC had 3 boats entered in the race.

As you can see, Conditions were not the best but it offered another opportunity to be out on the water.

See you all out there,

Jim Reuscher



**Trivia Winner!** Paul Hart answered last month's trivia question correctly.

1. Atlantis is famous for being the mothership of Alvin the manned deep submergence vehicle

2. She is the third Atlantis operated by the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. The first was at the time (1930) thought to be the largest steel ketch in the world. The second (Atlantis II) was mother ship to Alvin's dives on Titanic.

3. I guess the third is that she is in Anacortes for a mid-life refit!



We cheated because Janie and I both worked at the Woods Hole Oceanographic for many years, many years ago and both of us sailed on Atlantis II.

Kathleen Salinas also added, 'John Salinas served as a Teacher at Sea on the Atlantis'.

John has also been seen on the back of a bus!



October Trivia:  
What is the history  
and significance of  
this vessel?



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