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HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FHSC IN SEPTEMBER

Tuesday, September 7

Board meeting via Zoom at 5:30 PM

Wednesday, September 15

Monthly General Meeting 5:30 PM

In person! At the Grange

Bring something to grill and a covered dish to share

Speaker: John Howe will continue his tale

September 17, 18 & 19

Fall Celebration Cruise
To Roche Harbor

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Sea Shanties on the dock at Paulsbo



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The COMMODORE Report from Laura Jo Severson

Boating With Friends



Although the month of August did not experience the end of the world's troubles, some members of the Friday Harbor Sailing Club were able to act on the primary goal of our club. Thanks to the work and organizational skills of Terry Lush and Linda Nelson, a flotilla of nine boats, eighteen people and three dogs experienced a cruise to remember. These ports were visited by some or all of the cruisers: La-Conner, Langley, Bell Harbor (Seattle), Poulsbo, and Port Townsend. We explored each place, shared some meals, reconnected with friends, and considered ourselves lucky to be there.

Trenna Middleton met us in Langley where she recently moved to be close to her daughter. Ed and Barbara Rouleau had planned to join us, but unfortunately, Barbara broke her elbow. (Please, no jokes about the importance of a functioning elbow for a club cruise.)

Bill and I spent an extra day in Port Townsend to reconnect with friends from our former boating club. The friendships we made during cruises are particularly strong and long lasting. While we were of different opinions about boats, sail versus power, we felt the same about other important things. We are cat people.

I am pleased that Kathleen Salinas has planned more cruises for this year. We will participate on Fairhope and trust that you will as well. Keeping the club together is important and you are all are needed.

Fondly,

Laura Jo Severson

The VISE COMMODORE Report from John Salinas

Club General Meeting Guest Speaker John Howe will continue the tale of his trip. At the May meeting John took us from Puget Sound to the Gulf of Mexico including surviving a hurricane. So did he make it back?



August General Meeting - Picnic on the Grange deck

Ingredients for a great club picnic:

- Glorious weather
- Delicious food to grill and share
- Good friends, and
- A glass of wine



Fall Celebration Cruise - September 17, 18 & 19

This is the beginning of the shoulder season in the Islands. While the weather is still good, we'll enjoy Roche Harbor and the surrounding areas. On Friday and Saturday, we'll anchor out or get a slip at Roche Harbor. Boaters planning on getting a slip will be grouped together on the east finger dock. Make reservations early and let them know that you are part of the club. Boaters anchored out can bring in their tenders for hearty cocktails and desserts at 18:45 on Friday night. Land cruisers should park and walk over to share in the food and the Colors Ceremony.

Friday Currents in Spieden Channel, unless you want to go against a powerful eastward flowing current in Spieden Channel, plan to be out of your slip in Friday Harbor by 14:00 to navigate San Juan Channel in the late afternoon. The current in Spieden Channel begins to slack at 16:00 and changes to a westward ebb at 17:00.

Activities in Roche Harbor

On Saturday morning, we'll walk through the Sculpture Park. We'll meet on the water side of the coffee stand at 10:00. When we get back from this relaxing walk we'll sit at the tables near the store while enjoying a beverage and a treat from the store; if we're lucky, we may even get an ice-cream cone.

We have many choices for our Saturday evening meal; let's make this call when we are together.

Sunday morning, we'll plan to share a breakfast and a hot beverage before a stroll along the shore and possibly into the quarry trails area.

On Sunday, we'll have a favorable eastward flood current in Spieden starting at noon with slack turning to ebb beginning at 17:15. This being said, leaving Roche Harbor at 15:00 should get you a nice following sea for the entire trip home.

Rear Commodore,

Kathleen Salinas

A Report on the Down Sound Cruise August 23 - August 31

By Terry Lush

Friday Harbor Sailing Club wrapped up the month of August with a total of 9 boats and their owners who participated in the 8-day scheduled cruise. Boats included Day Six, Salish Dawn, Eoliar Na Mara, Hawks Moon, Fairhope, Vaquita, Alethea, Astrea and Morning Star.

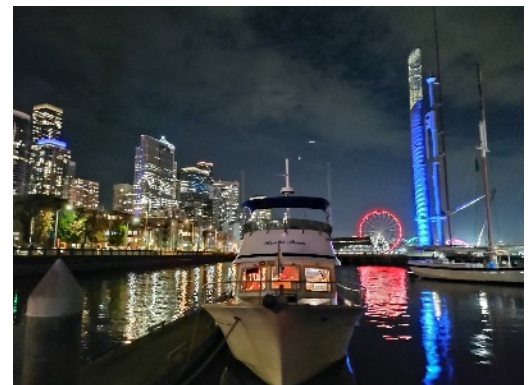
With stops in La Conner, Langley, Bell Harbor, Poulsbo and Port Townsend, there was plenty of variety for everybody. Some members went out on their own rather than show up at every port. And many of us enjoyed visits to or from family and friends along the way.

We started the trip on Monday, August 23rd with our first night in La Conner. Everybody survived the notorious currents in the Swinomish Channel, and most enjoyed walks and meals in town.

The next night was spent in Langley (now referred to as the Port of South Whidbey), where we were treated to a visit by our old friend Trena Middleton who recently moved to Langley. Bell Harbor gave many of us a first close-up glimpse of Seattle from the water with healthy walks to Pike Place Market, which appeared upon retrospection to be up-hill in both directions.



Poulsbo was everything that it was supposed to be. Jo King, who now lives in that fine community, came to the marina for visits with old friends. Meanwhile, Chris Reed put over 50 miles on his e-bike peddling to interesting far-away places such as Point No Point. Terry and Linda picked up their new sailing tender on the way to Poulsbo, and had old friends arrive on their boat from Bremerton for a visit. Finally, we arrived at Point Hudson for our final night of the cruise.



Many thanks to those of you who came on the trip and helped to make it the fun that it was. Now we can look forward to fall cruising and try to guess what 2022 holds for us!

Round The County Race news - November 13, 14

By Terry Lush

I have volunteered to work as the principal coordinator for Friday Harbor Sailing Club in planning/communications with Orcas Island Sailing Club.

- Betsy Wareham is still a main organizer for the RTC race this year. Stephanie Arnold is assisting on the race committee.
- The race is scheduled for November 13 & 14, though the signup this year is being delayed so we can hope to have a better idea of COVID related impacts.
- There is an expectation of a sell-out race. The border is open to mariners in both directions, the details of which go beyond the purpose of this email.
- OIYC has booked the party barge with Roche Harbor, though the coordination for set-up, heat, tables etc. will be done directly with FHSC, COVID restrictions notwithstanding.
- I will again take care of booking music for Saturday night, though we'll want to do so with a caveat that COVID restrictions prevent it.
- Charlie Rathkopf has again been booked as the Principal Race Officer (PRO).
- FHSC's SV Fairhope will again be the committee boat for the Sat. evening finish and the Sun. morning start.
- There is no need for half-way time keeping.



Thoughts and Tidbits from Bag End*

(Lifted from a sailing dictionary by Beard and McKie)

Foul-weather gear: Type of weatherproof clothing usually needed only in the fall, spring, winter and summer months.

gear: Generic term for any pieces of boating equipment that can be forgotten in the backseat or trunk of a car, left behind on the pier, soaked in the bottom of a dinghy, or knocked over the side of the boat.

Heeling: A basic process affecting all sailboats which begins with the boat leaning over as the wind presses on one side of the sail and ends as the sailboat finally exhibits its natural tendency to come to a state of rest on the sea bottom.

*Submitted from a hobbit hole, where in resides Bilbo Baggins and his landlubber hobbit friends.

