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Friday Harbor Sailing Club

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HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AT the Sailing Club

Tuesday, November 5

Board meeting via Zoom at 5:00 PM

Wednesday, November 17

Monthly General Meeting 5:30 PM

In person! At the Grange

Bring an appetizer, covered dish or dessert to share

Sailing Club Board Election

Wednesday, December 8

Annual Meeting and Dinner at 6 PM
at the Masonic Lodge

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Round the County Saturday Finish



Get involved and don't miss out on our fun club activities!!

Sign-up for your club activities on the

The club's website

www.fridayharborsailing.com

NOTE from your WEBMASTER: Make sure your email account has
fridayharborsailing.com as a whitelisted or trusted sender of emails so club communications
do not end up in your spam file!!



The COMMODORE Report from Laura Jo Severson



Adventures on the Committee Boat

For the past four sailings of the popular Round the County Sailboat race, Fairhope has served as committee boat. Your commodore has had limited duties other than making sandwiches and serving cookies. It's a cool job for the most part. The 2021 race was blessed with wind, unfortunately accompanied by torrents of rain. After the last boat checked in on Saturday it was pitch dark and pouring down rain, The race professional's son and I had the task of standing in the bow holding a spotlight looking for hazards as we motored into Roche Harbor Marina. (Whose idea was it to hold a race after the time switches over from Daylight Savings?)

Once again, we made it in and safely docked at a part of the marina we had not used before (more confusion). The race contestants were gathered on the party barge with loud music blaring, not seeming to notice that FHSC was not handing out free beverages. The racers and crew did appreciate the tables and chairs our club set up.

Charlie Rathkoth has been the Race Professional each time I participated. Watching him is an amazing experience. He remained calm and organized keeping the boat classifications in order. He was helped by his sons, Charlie and Arden, both competent sailors and friend Caitlin. The start of the race on Sunday went smoothly with no false starts or accidents. This is the scary part where all of the boats are jockeying back and forth trying to be in the position to go across the start line just after the starting horn. I always am afraid the boats will collide or worse, run into us. Note to Self: Next time, buy some decent foul weather gear.

As with all of our events, people donating their time makes it all work. Thanks to everybody.

Laura Jo Severson

October General Meeting

Great evening at the Grange even though you had to watch your step coming in due to the sidewalk construction outside. Plenty of wonderful food and desert. And what a joy to sit around and catch up on everything nautical.



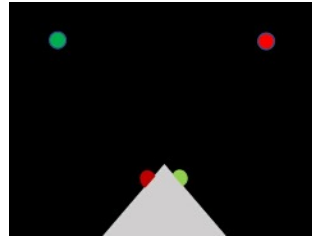
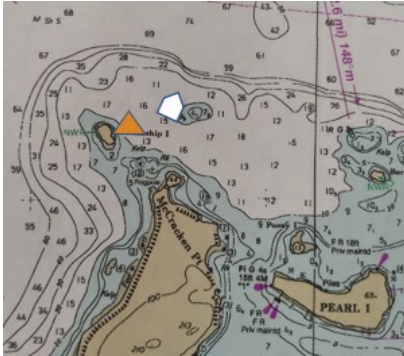
Bill and Katia Robinson from the San Juan Island Yacht Club were our speakers. They tag teamed their presentation slides and tales of their summer trip to Alaska. Amazing that they could pull off such a trip with Covid restrictions. Great photos and even a video capturing the glacier caving a large wall of ice with the tsunami like waves that followed.



Round The County Race - November 13, 14

By *Bill Severson on the Fairhope*

For the Saturday finish line we anchored on an undersea mountain in Spieden Channel.



It was pitch black dark and raining hard by the time all the boats had finished. This is our view coming into Roche Harbor!

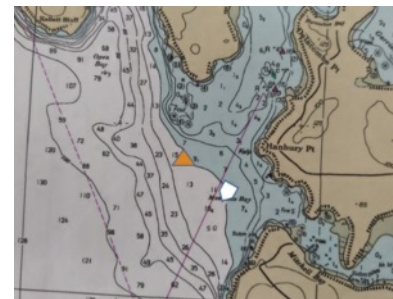


Charlie Rathkopf Race Pro signaling each boat crossing the finish line of the first day of racing.

For the Sunday Start line we anchored in 55 feet of water just outside of Mosquito Pass



All hundred and twenty odd boats preparing for one of three class race starts beginning at 8:30 Sunday morning.



Pulling anchor up after the race start was a challenge due to strong currents and high winds.

Christmas Party menu

Here is the menu for the Christmas Party and Awards dinner, don't miss this, get your reservation in by November 29, see the invitation on the next page.

- Cheese and cracker tray
- Antipasto platter
- Mixed vegetable tray
- Island sockeye salmon with herb butter
- Roast baron of beef with jus and horseradish cream
- Rice Pilaf
- Mashed potatoes
- Seasonal greens with accoutrements
- Champagne vinaigrette
- Artesian dinner rolls and whipped butter
- Coffee and Tea



**You are Cordially Invited
To the Friday Harbor Sailing Club
Christmas Party & Awards Dinner
Wednesday, December 8th**

Place: Masonic Lodge, 15 Second Street, Friday Harbor

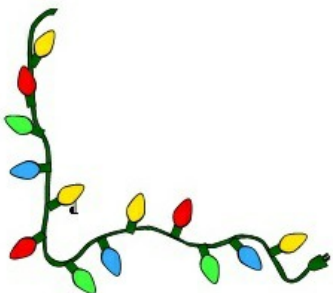
Time: 6 PM

Cost is: \$25.00 per person

*This is a special time of year for members to share the Spirit of the Season
Your holiday photo will be taken by Bill Severson*

**Space and number of guests will be limited
Deadline for prepaid reservations is Monday, November 29**

Mail reservation checks to:
FHSC Treasurer, PO Box 62, Friday Harbor, WA 98250



Thoughts and Tidbits from Bag End*

(Lifted from a sailing dictionary by Beard and McKie)

- Knot:** Any connection between two or more ropes involving a number of loops, ties and twists, and having the property that the link cannot be parted or broken in any way or through any means other than by severing it with a knife, except if it is subjected to steady stress in the course of normal use.
- Launch:** To set a boat afloat, particularly at the beginning of the sailing season; an often costly undertaking since, as all mariners know, there is no such thing as a free launch.
- Mile (nautical):** A relativistic measure of surface distance over water-
-in theory 6,076.1 feet. In practice, a number of different values for the nautical mile have been observed while under sail, for example: after 4 P.M., approximately 40,000 feet; in winds of less than 5 knots, about 70,000 feet; and during periods of threatening weather in harbor approaches, around 100,000 feet.

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

