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Friday Harbor Sailing Club

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HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AT the Sailing Club

Tuesday, October 4

Board Meeting & pizza

Wednesday, October 19

General Meeting and Dinner at the Grange 5:30

Bring your own stuff and a dish to share,

Grill will be hot

October 14-16

Northwest (Indigenous) Foods Cruise

Mark your calendar for the Sailing Club
Christmas Party Tuesday December 6th at the
Masonic Lodge

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Vice Commodore Kathleen Salinas sailing on Lake Erie



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

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www.fridayharborsailing.com

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fridayharborsailing.com as a whitelisted or trusted sender of emails so club communications
do not end up in your spam file!!

COMMODORE's Report by John Salinas



Katherine and I took a break from the wonderful extended summer on the Salish Sea for a trip to Cleveland to visit my cousin Chris. Well Chris was getting tired of us bragging how great sailing was at home so he took us on a wonderful day sail on Lake Erie.

Our Friday Harbor Sailing Club will meet Wednesday the 19th at the Grange at 5:30 PM. This will be a 'normal' meeting with appetizers, open BBQ, quick informational meeting, and a speaker. Watch for discussion surrounding our vote next month on our 2023 board members.

Appetizers: Bring something fun to share during our pre-meeting gathering...

BBQ: Bring something to cook on the grills to enjoy with all the side dishes and desserts shared by members.

Meeting: It might seem like summer is winding down, but we have lots to report: cruises, races, and now planning for fall to include our annual Round the County Race (November 12), and our Holiday Banquet (December 6). Join us to find out more about these exciting events and check our web site for more information, www.FridayHarborSailing.com

Evening Speaker: Our speaker will be Chris Wachholz who works with the Divers' Insurance Program. Apparently it is a great program helping to get medical support to folks anywhere in the world.

Thanks to our board members and helpers working to make this meeting a fun fall event, including Ken (helping with the BBQ's), Ruth Ann (hospitality and Holiday Banquet), Kathleen, Bill, and Laura Jo (our speaker), Val (general organization), our FHSC Board Members (reports), Sandy (FHSC garb for sale), and Stefan (Round the County Race organization).

Come and enjoy the meeting!

*VICE COMMODORE's Corner by Kathleen Salinas***General Meeting Guest Speaker Chris Wachholz**

Chris Wachholz grew up in Milwaukee, WI where he learned to scuba dive at age 13. He earned a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing at Marquette University, and following graduation worked in Coronary Intensive Care, Emergency/Trauma Center and Hyperbaric Medicine. His love of diving brought him to become the first manager of Divers Alert Network (DAN) at Duke University Medical Center. He was instrumental in the launch of DAN's diver membership and insurance and helped lead the organization's development into the largest association of scuba divers in the world (and now boaters) with affiliate organizations in Europe, South Africa, Japan and Asia with over 300,000 members.

While working fulltime for DAN he earned an M.B.A. and M.E.M (Masters of Environmental Management) from Duke University.

He has served on various nonprofit boards including Coral Reef Alliance, the Building Materials Reuse Association and the North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association.

He met his wife Sonia while consulting for DAN in Brazil and the two lived in Melbourne, Australia while Chris served as CEO of DAN Asia-Pacific before returning to the U.S. in 2015. Chris and Sonia have resided in Friday Harbor since 2018. Sonia is an independent hair stylist at Uptown Salon (formerly Spa d Bune) and Chris works as an R.N. at Peace Island Medial Center in the Primary Care Clinic and OR.

New Members Page

Meet our newest member Dick Warren



Dick wants to learn to sail, so he thought why not join the Sailing Club. His son Zachary campaigned the San Juan shown here on Lake Washington, however Zachary has since moved to Idaho. Dick has brought the boat up here and has it moored at the Port. So at the next meeting introduce yourself to Dick and line him up to crew in next year's races.

Dick is a live aboard at the Port on the MV Key Lime Pie, a cabin cruiser. He grew up in New England, spent most of his career in Bellingham working in the Health Care insurance business.

His dream has been to live on an island. Well sometimes dreams do come true.

Local Food Cruise musings by Stefan

I will leave to others the choice of superlatives for describing the Saturday evening feast during the “Northwest Foods Cruise”. The grilled salmon! The clam chowder! Val’s birthday cake! There must have been two dozen splendid dishes.

When Georgia and I could eat no more, we took the dinghy back to our “Talpa”, put in the hatch boards and turned on the heater.

At about 9:20 I went on deck for a last look at the anchor, dinghy and other gear. All was silent and serene. The surface of Reid Harbor was like black glass between the steep wooded shores. The Milky Way was high overhead, and Jupiter dominated the East. A few anchor lights here and there.

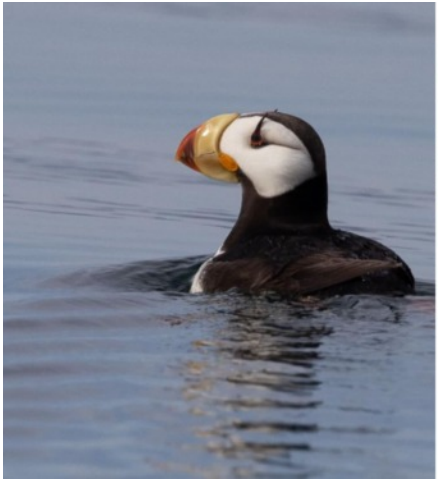
I glanced forward to the western horizon and beheld an astonishing, incomprehensible sight, like a gut punch: moving slowly eastwards above the horizon was a string of twenty or thirty lights, each as bright as first magnitude stars, exactly spaced about five degrees apart like pearls on a taut string. Under the handle of the Big Dipper they vanished one by one as new ones appeared on the horizon. In ten minutes or so it was all over. It was something utterly unexpected, a sight I had never come close to seeing in a lifetime of observing the night sky. My mind raced and rebelled. What could it be? Alien visitors? Russian warheads? Slowly, rational thoughts returned. I could tell that the speed of the objects was approximately that of low-orbiting satellites (I had often seen the International Space Station moving overhead and disappearing suddenly in the Earth’s shadow).

So, I decided it must be satellites, newly launched before gravity randomized their orbits. And so it proved to be! We had no cellphone coverage in Reid harbor, but on Sunday, en route to Deer Harbor, I was able to verify that SpaceX had launched 52 internet satellites from Florida, about three hours before my sighting. So it was nothing special after all. But, still, an amazing sight I will add to my private catalog of celestial wonders: sky-filling auroras, total solar eclipses, the Green Flash at dawn. A dramatic coda to a Northwest cruising season.



Search for migrating birds Cruise Plan by Val Veirs

October 14 - 16



Phil Green has agreed to come with us in a fall search for migrating birds so bring your binoculars and camera.

Phil was, for years, the steward of Yellow Island for the Nature Conservancy. Now, Phil is out at dawn every morning in pursuit of whatever bird may be passing by. He is the island's most passionate birder.

Lots of his photos are on his Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/phil.green.796>.

Our plan, dependent on weather, is to meet up at South Lopez on Friday afternoon. We will be scanning for birds off Cattle Pass in route and communicating our detections via VHF (Channel 68). Friday evening we will gather, likely in MacKaye Harbor, to share appetizers and bird observations with Phil. If the weather cooperates, we will strike off toward Smith Island on Saturday and return to MacKaye Harbor. Saturday evening, we plan a group dinner at the Southend General Store & Restaurant where we had a nice time on our April cruise.

On Sunday, we will scout birds off South Beach and then return to our home ports.

Long term weather forecasts that I am seeing are showing October very dry with light winds and just a chance of rain over the October 14-17 weekend. But, who can count on weather forecasts?

