



# FHSC Working Jib



Friday Harbor Sailing Club

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### Tuesday, May 3

Board Meeting

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May 5-7

Scall'ywag Race and Opening Day  
Cruise to Lopez

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### Wednesday, May 17

General Club Meeting at the Grange  
Speakers Ericka & Tim Shook  
Sailing in French Polynesia

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### May 19-22

Ganges and Montague Harbor Cruise

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Val and Leslie Veirs crossing from Taha'a to Bora Bora



***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](http://www.fridayhARBORSAILING.com)**

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### COMMODORE's Report by Kathleen Salinas



As I attend club events, I feel the excitement of spring. Do you feel it? It's in the smiling faces of our club members as they reconnect or introduce themselves to others.

It is in the voices of the speakers as they share their adventures. It's in the giggles and laughter around the table during the Lopez opening day pub night.



It's in the eye to eye contact as we say 'cheers' on the dock during the margarita contest. It's in the friendly banter as we sail together trying to stay in the best wind. My hope is that every member of this club feels like this is their club, their family of friends.

Be sure to come to our third Wednesday night potluck dinner, meeting, and presentation: appetizers start of 5:30 while dinner is at 6 PM, bring place setting and a drink of choice, bring something to share.

While I am in Ireland this month, I look forward to sailing in the local sailing club's Bantry Bay race. Cheer for the light blue boat. Below is my daughter heading out to feed the sheep.



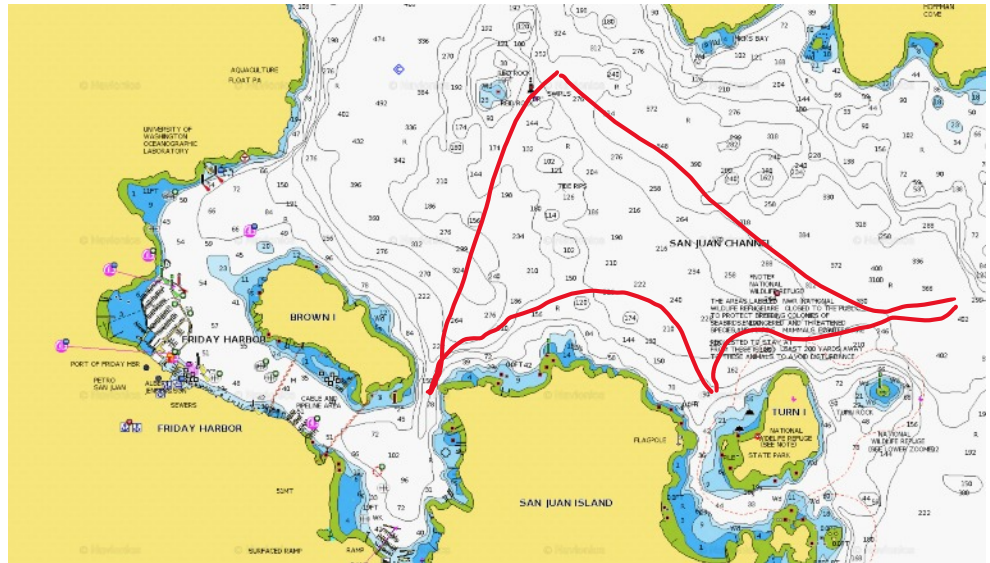
**Quiz- What is the name of the European music competition held every year since the seventies? And, who won the competition this month? Send me your answer for a prize.**

**See you on or near the water!**

## *FLEET CAPTAIN's Report by John Salinas*

### Catch the Leader Race April 29

We had four contestants for our first Saturday Sail Race. They included Stefan and Ray in Talpa, an Ericson 34 (fast, very fast), Greg Sutherland and John Manning in Anara, an Alerion 20 (beautiful, just lovely), Norris in Lanna Ann, a San Juan 24 (steady, and sneaky), and John and Kathleen in Odin, an Etchells 22 (sails all points and does not have a 'no sail zone').



We met at high noon for a skippers meeting and agreed on the ground rules.

Leg 1: Shipyard Cove to Reid Rock Buoy, was Talpa winning.

Leg 2: Lanna Ann took off to be caught after a 10 minute head start. She dodged to port, she tacked to starboard, very difficult to predict where Lanna Ann would finally be caught. It was again Talpa.

Leg 3: Anara was off for a 5 minute head start as we held our boats hove to in the lovely wind out in San Juan Channel. Hiding, yes, Anara tucked behind Turn Island. Crew became nervous. The radio bristled with news of, “any boat that could sail could come in safely” John Manning attempted to lure us in to our demise.

Leg 4: Every second all boats were close and getting closer, the count down, and then the water boiled as all sheets were trimmed, sails responded, and each boat lurched toward the finish line.

Odin had his eye on Red #2, Anara biting at her stern. Talpa built up steam and made a dash to catch up. Lanna Ann was enjoying some country music.

1<sup>st</sup> Odin streaked into the vortex of SW afternoon wind on the south side of Brown Island and with a single tack flew across the finish line (14:48:00).

2<sup>nd</sup> Anara beautifully flitted across the line second (14:49:42),

3<sup>rd</sup> with Talpa creating a lovely wake just behind (14:52:10).

4<sup>th</sup> Lanna Ann steadfastly sailed across (14:56:00) as shouts went up to mark the best race of the year and the great group of racers who enjoyed it.

Let's do it again.

### *Cruise Captain report by Robin and Tom Donnelly*

#### Friday Harbor Sailing Club/Lopez Island Yacht Club Opening Day Cruise May 5-7 Fisherman Bay, Lopez Island

Nine intrepid Friday harbor Sailing Club vessels, with hardy crew and pets aboard, braved the tides and weather May 5th to 7<sup>th</sup> to participate in Lopez Island Yacht Club gracious invitational.

Saturday’s Lopez challenge sailboat race:



Norris and Karen Palmer, holders of last year’s sailing race sea trophy once again vied for the honor of defending their trophy and representing the FHSC against newcomer Natalie Johnston and old timer John Manning



It was close, but no cigar in the next heat for the challenging FHSC team. Victors Norris and Karen vied against Russ Johnson’s “geriatrics”, sadly losing in a very close race.



The Wanderlost, co-cherished by Tom and Robin Donnelly and Dave and Sue Ambrose, was re christened after Robin bowed to all gods of the winds and sea.

The Johnston/Donnelly Margarita team aboard the Wanderlost also took second place in the Margarita contest, thanks to Sam and Sandy’s magic ingredient.



Dusty’s smash burgers with assorted salads and treats was a welcome ending to a fabulous opening cruise.



We thank the Lopez Island Yacht Club and especially their cruise captains, Vice-Commodore BJ and Pete Christensen and head cook and staff Commodore Dusty Forster for a rousing beginning to our sailing season.

Thanks to all who participated. We are already looking forward to next year!

*VICE COMMODORE announcement*

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# friday harbor sailing club

## Monthly Meeting

Wednesday  
May 17  
5:30 at the Grange

Members: Come and re-connect!  
Visitors: We are delighted when  
visitors join us, local  
cruisers and racers

### Program:

Just a bit tired of the gray, Friday Harbor Sailing Club members are flocking to Tahiti!

New club member, Erika Shook, along with her traveling companions, will report.

Hear about our recent experience chartering a bareboat sailboat in French Polynesia, including destinations, anchoring, things to see, weather, accommodations and how to get there. And, pick up a few important french phrases to know before you go!

*Cruise Captain announcement by Bill Severson*

Cruise to Ganges and Montague  
May 19-22

**Friday, May 19** arrive  
at Ganges Marina on  
Salt Spring Island



6 PM – on the dock  
bring an appetizer to  
share and something to  
drink

**Saturday**, Breakfast and  
lunch on your own.  
9 AM – Salt Spring Island  
Market

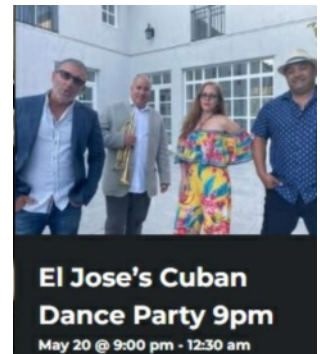


Mandatory afternoon nap  
because,

**7:30 PM** – Sean leads us to



**9:00 PM** Stay for the music



**Sunday**, 9 AM Breakfast by Laura Jo on the Fairhope.  
Then sail to Montague Harbor, anchor then meet for the hippy bus ride to the  
Hummingbird Inn for Dinner.

**Monday**, either sail back to port of other destinations.