



# FHSC Working Jib



Friday Harbor Sailing Club

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**Tuesday, September 5**

Board Meeting

**Wednesday, September 20 at 5:30 PM**

General Meeting and Potluck at the Grange

**October 4-8**

Circumnavigating Salt Spring Island



Mark your calendar - The Holiday Party will be on December 5<sup>th</sup> at the Masonic Lodge. More information as we get closer to the date.

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### COMMODORE's Report by Kathleen Salinas



Today is the day after Labor Day! For me, this day marks the transition to fall and a general switch on the Island from 'tourist season' towards a slower paced 'shoulder season'.

Our sailing club officers are meeting for our regular board meeting to plan our fall/ winter events: monthly 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday general meetings at the Grange, the election of the 2024 officers, the Salt Spring Island cruise, the Round the County Race, and the Holiday Party.

I'm reflecting back to our last cruise to Chemainus and remembering the fabulous meal and show at the theatre.



Highlights of this cruise includes meals together

Ice cream and desserts on M/V Hawks Moon, music in the park, the Wednesday outdoor market, and the beautifully painted murals.

Trivia Questions – Be the first to send a correct response to all three questions and receive a set of 4 sailing club wine glasses.

1. Who started this club and in what year did we begin as a club?
2. What the name of the boat the goes out to hunt the great white in the movie JAWS.
3. What's the name of the captain of that boat?

Happy Sailing,  
Kathleen Salinas  
Commodore



## VICE COMMODORE's Report by Val Viers

### Up Coming Club Events

#### Grange Meeting Theme: What I did on my summer vacation?

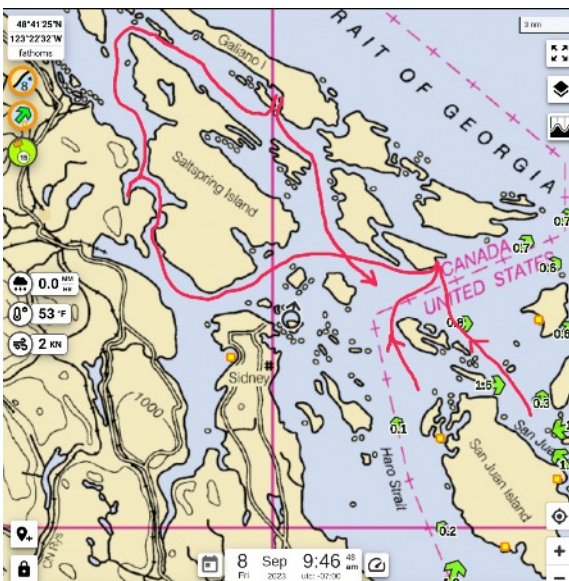
Summer has come to an end, at least via the calendar. Members of the Friday Harbor Sailing Club have been emailing me up to 5 photos with one sentence descriptions of each. So far I have photos from points near; San Juan Island, Sucia, etc. and far; Norway, Croatia, French Polynesia. I need photos from each of you members of the club! Just find a few pictures of some watery scenes from the past year and send them to me. ( [vveirs@coloradocollege.edu](mailto:vveirs@coloradocollege.edu) ) These visual memories, (think back to "What I did on my summer vacation" back in grade school), will become a slide show at the 5:30 September 20th meeting at the Grange.



Earlier this summer, Jennifer and Jonathan Bryan saw Mariana on the buoy on Jones. Fred and Peg Heppner sailed Mariana out of Mitchell Bay on many a cruise and race. Thank you, Jennifer, for submitting this photo to our upcoming slide show.

#### October 4-8 cruise circumnavigating Salt Spring Island

After clearing into Canada at Bedwell Harbor, our first stop will be to overnight at the Maple Bay Marina. This is about 25 miles from Roche Harbor. We are going there through the Samsung Narrows to remember the "Maple Bay Massacre" which was a battle between Coast Salish peoples and northern raiders. Here is a tiny bit of Coast Salish memory:



Just before the united Salish warriors reached Hwtl'upnets, they met the W̱SÁNEĆ and Lək̓ʷəŋən warriors, who were on their way to the meeting. The united force paddled into Maple Bay from the north and executed a plan that would make Sun Tzu, the famed Chinese military strategist, proud. Some versions of this story even talk of warriors dressed as women to lure out the raiders.

In his telling, Ts'umsitun recalled that elite Quw'utsun stamush snuck up the bluffs on the north end of the bay and gathered large stones. The rest of the warriors paddled into the bay and formed two lines of canoes, effectively blocking the bay from the south point to the bluffs on the north side, leaving an obvious opening at the north bluffs.

<https://thediscourse.ca/cowichan-valley/battle-at-maple-bay>

Then we will proceed clockwise around Salt Spring anchoring out and return home on Sunday. The cruise and its details are of course weather dependent. Sign up now on the club website.

## *REAR COMMODORE's Report by Sam Johnston*

### **Sucia Islands Low Tide Investigations Cruise - June 16-18, 2023**

We came to find gooies. Slimy, wiggly, colorful, spikey, and secretive creatures that inhabit the intertidal zone. Some of the toughest creatures in the world, these animals endure daily submersion and then dry out, constant wave action, frequent large swings in temperature, sand and rock shifting, and predation by both land and aquatic predators. Some are fabulously beautiful, while others are hardly recognizable as even being alive.

We reconnoitered on Friday Evening at the group shelter at Fossil Bay, Sucia Island, planning our assault on the rocky intertidal on Saturday. Assisted by hearty appetizers and copious libations, we reviewed our field identification guides, checked the tide tables, and decided on a best approach to discover as many of these wily creatures as possible. On Saturday, June 17, a low tide of minus 2 ft. 2 in. was predicted for 11:42 am.

Next morning, our intrepid tide-poolers set out for the outer beach of the southwest shore of Sucia Island. As we sure-footedly scoured the exposed rocky beach, cries of ‘come over here, look what I found!’, and ‘what is this thing?’, or ‘is this a sea star?’ rang out across the tidelands.

Altogether, we located at least 9 Phyla of animals, many species of algae, and also a sea grass (surfgrass). We even located several survivors of the recent ‘sea star wasting disease’ outbreak, the once ubiquitous Ochre Sea Star, or *Pisaster ochraceus*. Other animals we encountered included the beautiful Christmas anemone (*Urticina grebelnyi*), scale worms (family *Polynoidae*), feather duster worms (family *Sabellidae*), dogwinkle snails (*Nucella sp.*), along with crabs, barnacles, mussels, chitons, limpets, amphipods, isopods, gastropods, and even some beautiful bright red sea cucumbers.

After a full day of hiking and ‘pooling, we once again met at the group shelter for a putluck – and more libations – to celebrate a very special day at a very special place. Tales of intertidal tribulations, and invertebrate investigations were told around the campfire (properly enclosed within the park provided fire ring structure). Sunday it was time to travel home, with a gentle breeze to fill our sails and a favorable current to speed us along. We all were warmed by a sense of camaraderie and discovery in the watery world of the intertidal.



The frilly tentacles of a Red Sea Cucumber whose main body is hiding under a rock



Our trusty field guides





Indiana Bones, our friend and frequent companion on FHSC cruises passed away on August 13, 2023 of complications after a surgery. He participated in the PADs program (Parkinson's Alert Dogs) and was well known around Friday Harbor at the drug store, bank, and sweet shop. He was always ready to accompany us aboard the Salmon Sandy II, and although it was sometimes difficult for him to board the vessel from the dinghy, he was always game to try. He loved hiking with friends and sniffing all the new smells of different islands and sailing destinations. It was a special treat for him when there were other dogs for him to play with, but he also enjoyed just hanging around with his human friends. May he find many new trails with especially good smells across the Rainbow Bridge.

Sam, Sandy & Natalie Johnston

