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Friday Harbor Sailing Club

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Wednesday, May 15 at 5:30 PM

General Meeting and Potluck at the Grange.

Julie Curtis from the San Juan Islands Conservation District will present an overview of the District's work, highlighting shoreline and eelgrass conservation programs. The Conservation District is an organization that does more than raise awareness or promote improving the islands, they actually do it! This will be a chance to see the progress of ongoing projects that improve the islands for all of us!

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A gentle breeze for the ride home from the Deer



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

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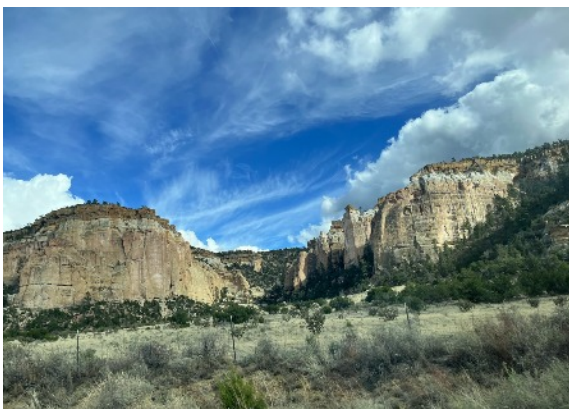
COMMODORE REPORT BY Val Veirs



I guess it is still cool in the San Juans. 70's and sun will surely appear, hopefully soon. I am guessing because Leslie and I have been on the road these past two weeks on a long drive down the California coast and now on to Colorado Springs for a dear friend's retirement party. Bad weather happens - everywhere. And, the tragic deaths of two Canadian kayakers in our waters last week is a wake-up call. We all must pay attention when we are considering going out on the water. Conditions can change so quickly and accidents and breakdowns can happen at any time.

Our April 26th cruise American Camp-Griffin Bay Cruise was wisely canceled through an abundance of caution as the weather forecast was not for pleasant conditions and anchoring in Griffin Bay is quite exposed. When you do go out on the water, go with another FHSC member or, better yet, go on one of our cruises. There is strength and experience in numbers. Just last year, at the beginning of our 'Around Saltspring' cruise, Talpa helped Vaquita limp into port in Canada. We were sad to have John and Pamela have to return home but appreciated Stefan and Georgia giving assistance as

Close to home, four teenagers from Orcas are preparing to race in this year's R2AK race from Port Townsend to Ketchikan, AK. R2AK starts on Sunday, June 9 this year. And, going forward, the R2AK will only be held in alternate years. If you have a few extra \$\$, consider giving these young island adventurers some financial support. Their goFundMe website is <https://www.gofundme.com/f/R2AK-Juvenile-Delinquents>



Leslie and I look forward to getting back home by May 10th and then getting Cat's Cradle off the dock. Come join us for a day sail. You can catch up on our road trip at <http://leslieval.com>.

Warm wishes from Val, Commodore

CALLING ALL CRUISERS

These past few days, it seems summer is here! And, what rare beauty the aurora has given us. Our club is starting to cruise - a favorite summer activity. All our cruises are listed on our website.

Start Cruise

06/14/24 Gulf Island Marina Pub Cruise

06/28/24 Sidney, Victoria, Butchart Gardens Cruise

07/05/24 Tofino, Vancouver Island, BC

07/05/24 Victoria Leg of Tofino Cruise

07/28/24 BC - Octopus Island, Desolation Sound, Nanaimo, Hornby Island

08/19/24 Telegraph Harbor, BC

09/27/24 Bird Cruise

10/04/24 Sucia Cruise

For specific dates of starts and stops and further information and to sign up, check out our web site or send an email to Natalie Johnston, our Rear Commodore.

- When you sign up for a cruise, be aware that there may be expenses involved, such as marina fees or group meals. Cruise communications will be via email, so stay in touch.
- If you are a cruise Captain, please make sure that you have sent Natalie some Info for your cruise and that you have signed up for your own cruise. Review previous year's cruise description for guidance on Info. You can find this on our website by adjusting the date drop down.
- If you would like to go on one of our cruises and you do not have access to a boat, check out the list of members signed up for that cruise and contact them to see if they may have room for a passenger or two. Or, send an email to Natalie and perhaps she can assist in getting a 'crew' slot or two.
- If there is a call for it, we can likely reschedule the American Camp History cruise that was canceled because of weather uncertainty. If interested, please email Natalie.

DEER HARBOR CRUISE by Sam Johnston



Four FHSC vessels and one guest vessel journeyed to Deer Harbor for the first cruise of the year – the ‘Shakedown’ cruise - over the weekend of April 13-14.

The marina was very welcoming and everyone arrived with no damage – a testament to good winter maintenance! Members and friends took hikes, participated in gam sessions and enjoyed the restaurants and facilities of Deer Harbor. There was enough wind (but not too much) to sail at least some of the way, and a gentle breeze for the ride home.

Everyone gathered for a wonderful dinner at the famous barbeque restaurant Mathews Smokehouse. Overall the goal of the cruise was achieved – everyone who intended to go to Deer Harbor actually arrived, and no major equipment failures were noted!



OPENING DAY with Lopez Yacht Club By Bill Severson



2024 Opening Day Celebration



Every year we celebrate Opening Day of Boating Season with the Lopez Yacht Club, it is one of the high points of my boating year. However first you need to navigate the shallow, narrow entrance to Fishermen's Bay. It is deceiving, you need to hug the sandy spit side because of a large rock on the Lopez Village side. There was a pretty woman waving at me from the spit, I had maybe 2 feet under my keel. Was she trying to lure me to the shore?? Nah, later found out she was Sandy Johnston, she and Sam had cycled from the marina. We continued to the marina dock where Norris and Karen Palmer were there to welcome and tie us up.

So along with Laura Jo and I, Sam and Sandy Johnston and Norris and Karen Palmer made up the Friday Harbor Sailing Club contingent for the wonderful weekend of racing, renewing old friendships and enjoying the Cinco De Mayo lunch buffet (Ask Norris about his joke).

Norris and Karen won the race on Saturday, there was coffee and pastries on the dock and a blue grass band playing. Norris not only won the race, he joined the band with his harmonica.



Website Tidbits

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Do you have your Registered ID for our club website? There are many things you can do on the website without a login ID such as viewing the Calendar, Historical documents, web and photo albums, the blog, and newsletters in addition to signing up for races, cruises, and events. But if you want to view the Members Only functions such as submit Posts, upload photo albums, link to web albums or perform any officer or cruise captain duties, then you need a login. To create your own login ID and Password, click on Sailing Club from the Home screen of the website, then select Register. Once submitted, your ID needs to be approved so we can ensure that only club members have access. So there may be a slight delay before your ID is active, but usually almost immediately.

With an ID you can upload photo albums or add web album links of races, cruises, or other club activities to share with the membership. Instructions can be found on the Blog under a Recent Post called Web Albums.

There is also work going on to remove custom plugins that run some parts of the website and replace them with generally available plugins that have wide public usage with positive reviews. You may see slight variations on some screens, but the overall functions remain the same. However, if you notice anything that seems amiss, please contact webmaster@fridayharborsailing.com

As you participate in club activities this summer and take photos or videos, share them with the club!