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HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AT the Sailing Club

June 14 - 17

Gulf Island Pub Cruise

Wednesday, June 19 at 5:30 PM

General Meeting and Pizza at the Grange.

June 22

Rudi Race

June 29 - July 2

Canada Day Cruise

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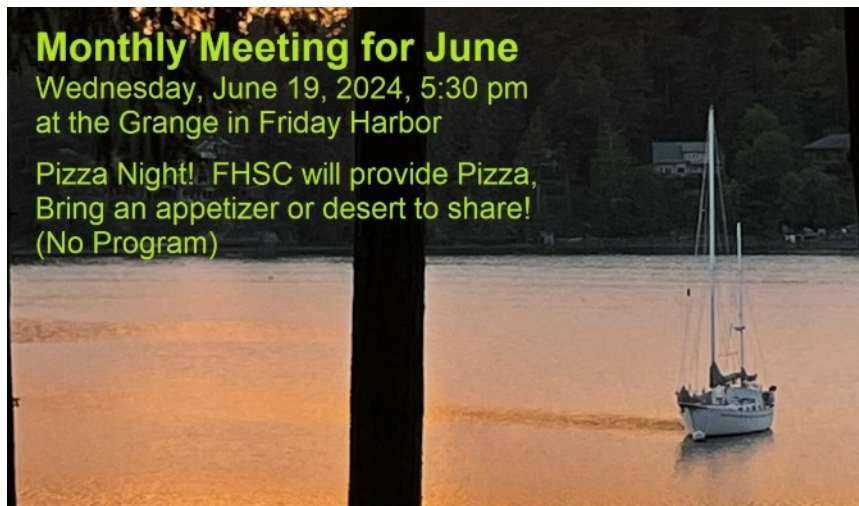
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Monthly Meeting for June

Wednesday, June 19, 2024, 5:30 pm
at the Grange in Friday Harbor

Pizza Night! FHSC will provide Pizza,
Bring an appetizer or desert to share!
(No Program)



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!!

COMMODORE REPORT BY Val Veirs



Cruising is fun and often exciting as new sights come into view and always adventurous with reefing and anchoring right up there on the adventure scale. Racing adds extreme focus on weather and currents and your competitors. The Race to Alaska has started at noon today, Wednesday June 12 as I write these words. The R2AK combines racing and cruising in a 710 miles sail from Victoria to Ketchikan in boats powered only by wind, paddles, or pedals and combinations of all three.

Toss in crossing open ocean, transiting around fearsome Cape Caution, and not being allowed to have any organized support; this is the R2AK! R2AK competitors range from salty veterans in their 60's or more whose experience is vast, through middle-agers in their prime of physicality and schooled in winds and waves, to kids, as I think of the teenagers, embarking on this beautiful and challenging passage with much to learn.

There are at least three teams of very young sailors starting off northward today. One is 4 high schoolers from Orcas and the other two teams are from Port Townsend and Seattle. Our local Islanders are Dagny, Enzo, Bryce, and Willow; Team "[Fisheries Supply - Juvenile Delinquents](#)".

The two other teams are from Port Townsend and Seattle and each of these teams has one of two teenage siblings that competed in 2022 and successfully made it to Ketchikan. These two, Enzo and Francesca are the children of dear friends of ours in Seattle, Mike and Katherine.



Keep an eye on these three teams of young adventurers as they head north into the unknown (or barely known) and wish them calmness, energy, foresight and care for each other in the tough and meaningful days ahead!

R2AK links to these three teams of ‘beginners’ who are already quite expert are:

[Roscoe Pickle Train](#), [Rock the Boat](#) and from Orcas Island: [Fisheries Supply Team Juvenile Delinquents](#)

You can follow this race using the R2AK Tracker which is at <https://cf.yb.tl/r2ak2024>

While this is indeed a race, it is also a terrific social bonding time for all these participants. Two years ago, Enzo and Francesca were team-mates ([Mustang Survival Rite of Passage \(2022\)](#)). This year they will be competing against one another as well as the rest of the crowd. But, knowing Enzo and Francesca, I know that while each will try to beat the other, each also, at any moment, will be ready to help and support the other. All these youngsters will be winners whether or not they make it all the way to Alaska and no matter what order they come in or have to drop out. Let’s cross our fingers for them all.



Here is a photo of the start of the qualifying run from Port Townsend to Victoria taken at sunrise on Sunday in Port Townsend by Scott Veirs.

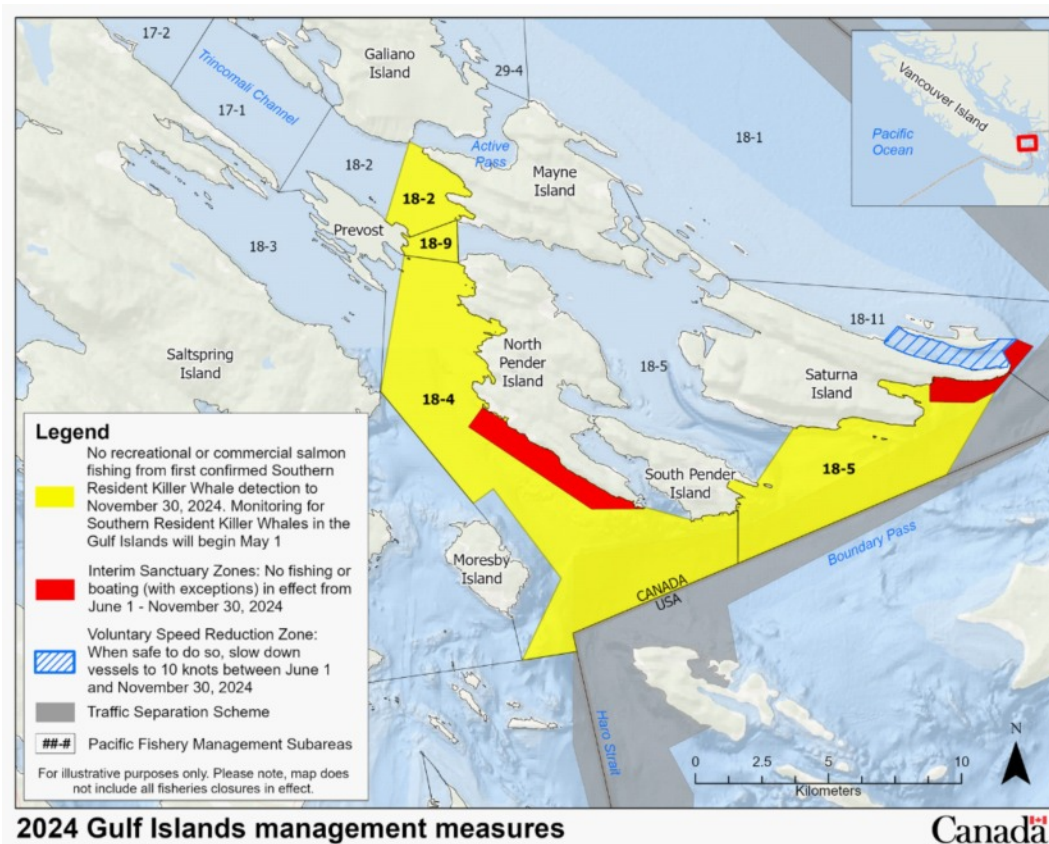
VICE COMMODORE REPORT BY Sam Johnston

Where We Can't Go

One of the great joys of boating is the sense that you are blazing a new trail on the water – after all there are no trails on the water and no visible road to point the way. It seems that you can go anywhere the wind and currents take you. But of course, there are many things that may prevent us from traveling in certain areas on the water. Some of these are natural, like shoals or rocks, or high currents, or on the ocean even certain seasons or locations that may be hazardous.

There also are locations defined by governments that may restrict certain types of boating activities. One such set of restrictions that may impact travel for one or more FHSC cruises this summer are the two 'no-go' areas in the southern Gulf Islands defined by the Canadian Government. Below is a chart of these areas, shown in RED. Many vessels will check into Canada at Bedwell Harbor (Poets Cove) on South Pender Island. If traveling North, many boats will first head West out of Bedwell Harbor, then North along the Southwest coast of North Pender Island. BUT, beware! The area shown in RED on the chart is patrolled, and any boat traveling within the red zone will be ticketed, and assessed a heavy fine. In addition, AIS equipped vessels may not even be aware that they are being monitored and could arrive home to find a ticket and fine in their mailbox!

In addition, salmon fishing in the yellow zones on the chart is prohibited this summer. It is not clear exactly when this restriction will start, as it depends on the first sighting of Orcas in the area, but Orcas likely will soon follow the arrival of salmon in the area.



GULF ISLANDS PUB CRUISE PLAN by John Salinas

June 14 – 17 Gulf Island Marina Pub Cruise

Cruise captains: John and Kathleen Salinas, 541-660-5783 (J) 541-760-4800 (K)

Friday, June 14 Depart San Juan Island, Sail to Pender Island, Bedwell Harbour, Enter Canada

Anchor or secure a slip at Bedwell Harbour

[Bedwell Harbour Marina - Poets Cove Resort & Spa](#)

Dinner/Spirits at Poet's Cove Resort, Pub #1

Saturday, June 15 After breakfast, mount an ascent of Mount Norman, bring lunch, expect a 2-hour hike with uneven terrain in parts. Or, sail around South Pender Island to Port Browning for the evening
After the hike, dingy ride to Port Browning to visit Port Browning Pub (#2) for Dinner/Spirits

[Port Browning Marina](#)

Sunday, June 16 Depart Bedwell Harbor for Montague Harbor in Galiano Island. Plan to anchor or make arrangements to get a slip at the Montague Harbor Marina
[Montague Harbour Marina – Latitude 48° 53' 30" N Longitude 123° 24' W](#)
Evening dinner at the Hummingbird Pub (#3) after catching the Pub Bus up the road from the Montague Harbor Marina. Dingy dock available but busy.

[The Hummingbird Pub Bus – Hummingbird Pub & Restaurant](#)

Monday, June 17 Depart Montague Harbor for a return sail to San Juan Island.
Montague Return Race Begins, prepare crews (heaping breakfast, stretch out session, team T-shirts, long speech from skipper about winning attitudes, course conditions, and approved race tactics)
This will be a random start sail race, record your time sailing, begin at the moment you leave Montague Harbor and turn south. Sail down Swanson Channel keeping Moresby Island to the starboard. Finish at the national boundary line between Canada and the USA north of Stuart Island. Report total race time (hh:mm:ss) by emailing it within two days of returning to home berth to Fleet Captain at JTSalinas501@gmail.com. Boat with shortest time (no engines) will be announced and assorted laurels placed on her bow eventually.

June 19 RUDY RACE PLAN By John Salinas



The Friday Harbor Sailing Club invites you to a sailing race.

Our club is a family-oriented boating organization that exists for the membership to enjoy boating. We focus on camaraderie, social events, cruising and racing in and around the San Juan Islands.

This year's Rudi Race will be Saturday June 22. It will involve a 10:00 AM start at harbor east of Shipyard Cove Marina. The starting line will run from South Brown Island, Red Day mark #2, and extend south to a mooring ball.

The first leg of the race will be to the USCG buoy off the shore of San Juan Island South Cape. Skippers record your time to round that buoy, Leg #1 time.

We will anchor and raft up in the area to enjoy lunch on the water.

The second leg will begin at an agreed time, south of a line extending directly west of the USCG buoy. The finish line will be the same starting line south of Brown Island.

Remember to sign up once you finish reading this description and checking your calendar. Go to the Friday Harbor Sailing Club web site:

www.FridayHarborSailing.org

Sailing conditions: There will be a slack tide at 11:37 from ebb to flood, winds will be from the southeast 5 to 15 knots, skies will be sunny with a temperature of 65 F. Some of this is real, you guess which.

June 29 Canada Day Cruise Plan By Bill Severson

Bill & Laura Jo Severson are the Cruise Captains

The following is a 4-day plan for sailing to and exploring the Victoria Canada area.

Planning – Call Port of Sidney to reserve a slip now, only available if an owner leaves it vacant (250-655-3711).

June 29 – Friday, Sail to Port of Sidney Marina, check in to Canada, Dock party at 6:00 PM

June 30 – Saturday, 10 AM, Saanich bus to **Butchart Garden or Victoria**. Dinner back at the Port at 6 PM or as otherwise arranged.

July 1 – Canada Day, 159th anniversary of Canada’s National Birth!

See all the festivities in Sidney, 10 AM to 11 PM, dinner as arranged.

July 2 – Sail east...homeward bound, happy and refreshed.

On-Line Resources:

Canada Day in Victoria, www.CanadaDayVictoria.ca

Saanich Transit, www.BCTransit.com/victoria/schedules-and-maps

Butchart Gardens, www.ButchartGardens.com

Customs Protocol, [How to use NEXUS to enter Canada \(cbsa-asfc.gc.ca\)](http://How to use NEXUS to enter Canada (cbsa-asfc.gc.ca)) (scroll to the bottom)

