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May 2018

The Anacortes Yacht Club

Since 1891

May Calendar

Club open summer hours:
Weds-19:30 and Fridays -17:30

May-Mon, Tues and Thurs
15:00pm-17:30pm –HS Sailors

May 2,9,16,30-Wednesdays
18:30 Buoy Racing

May 5-OPENING DAY

May 5-Saturday
9:00-17:00 Salmon Bank Race

May 5-Saturday
17:00 Cinco de Mayo Party

May 10-Thursday
16:00-21:00 Private Event

May 13-Sunday
Mothers' Day

May 18- Friday
18:30 Third Friday-Mama Mia!

May 24-Thursday
18:30 AYC Board Meeting

May 25-28 Friday-Sunday
Dave Thomson Memorial
Sucia Island Cruise



Commodore's Corner

From the bridge – Commodore's perspective: April 25th was the closing date for taking the member survey. We had over 70 members respond, which is tremendous! I want to take this opportunity to personally thank everyone who took the time to take the survey!!! The data that was gathered will be compiled very soon and we are currently working on a date to have our retreat to work on the strategic plan. Our leader in this effort is Duane Knapp, a local who is an internationally recognized expert in this area. I worked with him at the Port of Skagit and this process changed their culture very much for the better. I have high hopes that it will help us also! The effort to move forward the use of debit/credit cards at the bar has stalled for now. Maybe this will change in the future but at present it is not going forward. Another area we are trying to improve on – we are trying to develop more detailed job descriptions for most volunteer positions with the goal of having them available on the web site so that anyone who is interested in volunteering could go to the web site and get a lot of information about any job they might want to do. Also included will be the person that the volunteer reports to as well as people they can call for help. The hope here is that we can make all volunteer positions less daunting and make participation more fun. I have been here for a long time and done a lot of volunteering and I can say that it is very rewarding and a great way to make new friends. And, at the end of the day, making new friends is one of the best things about this club!! We have had a nice spring sail boat racing series with a wide variety of wind conditions. The Tulip Regatta was quite windy on Saturday but more moderate on Sunday – still windy though. Great fun was had by all!!

-Walt Meagher, Commodore

A Weekend of Celebration

This was AYC's 40th Anniversary of the Tulip Regatta and Pangaea's 40th Birthday. John Sanford the Regatta Chair, took the opportunity to celebrate Mac Madenwald's accomplishments aboard the mighty Pangaea with photos and commentary from Ron Smith, Beth Bell and Steve Orsini.

"It takes a village to raise a child" is often heard on Pangaea, and Mac and Wendy have certainly done their part in teaching and modeling for the youth in our community as well as new members to AYC. So many have learned from their generosity, skill and wisdom. Always an advocate for Youth Sailing, this year's painting was an image of Pangaea leading the pack during one of the Around the County Races. The original was a gift to Mac and the copy was auctioned off to support the High School Racing Program, fundraising over \$1,551, a new high! (thank you Chris White). In addition, Mac and Wendy donated an additional \$1000 in honor of Mac's 40 years on Pangaea.

Pangaea's winning combination of late is due mostly in part to Mac's uncanny selection of crew. Youth and vigor combined with old age and treachery ensure the boat and the man continue to sail in harmony.

-Beth Bell



40th Annual Tulip Regatta April 1-2, 2018

This year's Tulip Regatta had no lack of wind on Saturday with a 30-40 knot range. The field boasted 4 classes and a Viper class. Saturday night Steve Hayes prepared delicious barbequed-poached salmon with salads and baked potatoes and Callie Weber prepared lots of wonderful barbequed oysters. Everyone ate well and very many expressed their enjoyment of the food!!

The main attraction was honoring Mac Madenwald as this was his 40th anniversary of his purchase of the amazing Baltic 38 "Pangaea".

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Anacortes Sailing Team

Each year the AYC holds an auction at the Tulip Regatta to raise funds for the Anacortes Sailing Team. This year's regatta auction brought an all time high donation of \$1551!

We would like to thank the AYC for helping to fund our program over the years through the auction, direct club donation (\$1500) and by donating boat stuff that we sell at our booth at Shipwreck Days every summer.

The Anacortes Sailing Team is a non-profit organization that meets at the AYC three times weekly and uses the dinghy dock on Q and sails in Fidalgo Bay. This year we have over 20 members, 4 of which have joined the AYC as junior members, so far.

Many of you may or may not know that we are now a 501c(3) non-profit organization, (fully tax deductible) called Anacortes Youth Sailing. Please visit our new website at www.anacortessailingteam.org On-line donations are always much appreciated as is all the support given by the AYC.

Let us know if you are interested in helping us grow this vital youth program.

Thanks, Anna (team sailor) and Kent Morrow (assistant to the assistant coach and chief carpet cleaner)

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Of course there was the annual Tulip Regatta auction for youth sailing which brought in a record \$1551 thanks to Chris White adding to his collection.

Sunday the winds were a manageable 15-20kt with 5 races for a total of 6 for the weekend regatta. Back at the club Gerri Gunn had prepared the traditional free chili dogs with salads and other delicious items. The results were presented by Steph Schwenck and John Sanford made sure that all volunteers were acknowledged.

Top awards went to: Viper class-Kaa (AYC), Class 1– Vitesse (BYC), Class 2, Wild Rumpus (AYC), Class 3, Syndicat (AYC) and Class 4, Whifler (OIYC). For all the standings go to Regatta Networks under Event Archives.

Congratulations to all the racers for a fabulous weekend!



5 Things That Aren't in Your First Aid Kit But Should Be

Most generic first aid kits carry the essentials for an impromptu medical situation. There's usually a bunch of Band-Aids, some rolls of gauze, little tube of peroxide, cotton balls, a different looking kind of a bandage that you pull out when things get a bit more grizzly, tape and maybe a little ibuprofen. If you have a good one, there might even be a little pair of scissors, a cold press and some rubber gloves.

Here's 5 extra things Dr. Mellman suggests you cram in that first aid kit:

Super Glue It might sound a little weird, but take a page from the world of professional athletes and glue up that cut!

Tourniquet With the hope that you never have to use it, having a tourniquet on board could be the difference between a really bad day and a changed life.

Tweezers While many kits have tweezers, many do not. Check your kit and make sure. Boats typically have lots of tools and spares, but unless there is a well-groomed woman around, tweezers might be just what you need and just what you don't have.

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Cruising Season is now Officially Open!

In a Sea and Land Cruise, 25-30 AYC members enjoyed Traeger smoked beef and chicken thanks to Shaun Thompson, BYC Trustee. AYC members brought excellent side dishes for a delightful dinner and a warm welcome from Jon Gibson, Commodore and Tim Thompson, Vice Commodore. The Bellingham Yacht Club hospitality was Great!

Friday night on the dock, winds gusted from 21-28 mph between midnight and 6 am. The rain was impressive at times. Then Saturday midday and afternoon were nice for strolling to town in the sunshine. The social gathering from 4-6pm included brainstorming about future Shakedown Cruise sites. British Virgin Isles was appealing.

Sunday morning was lovely. Over coffee we watched the High School teams roll-tacking out of the Harbor. Then we passed the large gathering competing in team sailing as we headed back to Anacortes.

It's not too early to consider volunteering as Cruise Captains for next year for the Shakedown Cruise. Rosario was fun in 2016; Bellingham worked well for 2017 and 2018. The next Shakedown Cruise Captains have the choice of location for 2019.;

-Cruise Captains Sandy and Tom Norris





AYC Puts on the Swag!

Friday night featured the annual AYC fashion show. Models included: Clay Wilcox; Past Commodore, John Wilkinson; and our Cruise Chairs, Sandy and Tom Norris. Music was provided by Rear Commodore, Bob Neumann and the MC was AYC Ships Store Chair, Mary Trester.

Clay started off the show featuring the ladies soft shell glacier jacket in Atlantic Blue. John dove in sporting the, never goes out of style, men's short sleeve polo. The vests were up next with Sandy in the ladies soft shell vest in Marshmallow and Tom wearing the men's reversible challenger vest in Black.

Round two: Clay dazzled the crowd in the bright Pink racing hoodie and not to be outdone, John followed up with the men's racing shirt in Navy. Sandy showed off the 1/4 zip pullover in Navy Blue and Tom followed with the new men's Maritime Blue long sleeve tee.

Mary wore the ladies Black Frost long sleeve tunic with the AYC burgee on the left sleeve. Other accessories included hats, beanies, license plate covers and the show ended on a bidding waer for the Mountain Lodge blanket with the highest bid comin from Susan Wood!

A final message from AYC Ships Store is, "Gear Up!". You do not have to spend much to showcase your AYC pride. For under \$25 you can sport a new AYC t-shirt, hat or refresh your AYC burgee for racing or for the summer cruising season.

If the bar is open, so is the AShips Store, simply choose your item and pat at the bar.

Happy Boating!!!

-Mary Trester, Ships Store



First Aid Kit

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Syringe Syringes are good to have in the kit not because you'll be injecting shots into anyone while you're on your lovely daysail, but more for a way to more efficiently clean a wound. A turkey baster is good too but they're bigger. A syringe can be dipped into a water bottle and used to accurately clean up a small or medium sized cut. Then grab that super glue! Glue up your buddy and sail that puppy back home!

Bee Sting Kit (prescribed) The good doctor says this is ideal for “a severe reaction of any kind”. There’s peace of mind knowing that if someone on the boat starts to have some sort of odd reaction to some unknown thing, you can reach into the kit and see if the bee sting stuff works.

Excerpts from June 23, 2015
Cruising Tips, Safety first aid kit
by Pat Reynolds



New Preferred Members

Deena “Aiona” & Matthew Hartley - “RasCal” - Cal 29’

Aiona and Matt moved to Washington from Texas in 2013 and Anacortes in 2017. Aiona has sailed various boats since 1991 and revived the sailing/racing program at the University of Illinois. They also belong to The Center for Wooden Boats. They are excited to get involved in the racing program as well as social events. Please welcome Aiona and Matt to the club!

Rish Pavelec & Cissy Fisher -

Rish & Cissy have relocated from San Diego to Anacortes and are members of the SDYC since 1993. They have owned and restored 7 Kettenburg 32' Pacific Class sailboats, #63 and #16 won multiple club awards. They raised funds and restored a PC #8 (the oldest "PC" floating) and gifted her to the San Diego Maritime Museum. They are excited to get involved in the club and enjoy the many social events the club offers. Please welcome Rish and Cissy!

Kirby & Mary Phillips - "Spirit" - Ericsson 30'

Kirby and Mary have lived near Lake Wenatchee for the last 1 1/2 years. They have sailed in the San Juan and Gulf Islands since 2001. Additional voyages include Annapolis to Key West with legs inside on the Inter Coastal and Outside. They are excited to join the club cruising and getting to know the club members during social events. Please welcome Kirby and Mary to the club!

New Associate Members

Mike Bastrom & Rexanne Graham

Mike and Rexanne recently retired and moved from South King County to Anacortes. They are looking to get involved with the local boating community to gain boating experience and expose themselves to different boats to help decide what boat will work for them. They are excited to get involved in the racing program and go cruising with the club enjoying the many social events the club offers. Please welcome Mike and Rexanne to the club!

-Callie Weber, Membership Chair