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December 2020

The Anacortes Yacht Club

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December Calendar

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In keeping with ongoing State guidelines, the AYC clubhouse remains closed. However, we still do have many activities taking place.

December 4-Friday
15:00 Club Decorating Party

December 4,11,18,25-Fridays
17:30-18:30 Happy Hours
Zoom ID. 863 6770 1655

December 10-Thursday
18:30 AYC Board Meeting

December 11-Friday
18:30 General Meeting/Speaker

Cancelled Event
Commodore's Ball 2021



Commodore's Corner



In mid-November we held our first "Annual Meeting" via Zoom. Thanks to all who were able to attend this virtual event. In a nutshell, the club is in good financial position and members enjoyed "on the water" events throughout the year. Despite the clubhouse being closed since March, highlights of the year included the Commodore's Ball, the Valentine's Dinner & Dance, the Windermere Regatta in June, the Northern Century race in August and various "pop-up" cruises. We have been able to take care of clubhouse upgrade projects: replacement of the cedar upstairs deck, updating of lighting/security systems, tree thinning, and repair of our storm drain in front of the clubhouse. The presentation slides can be found on the AYC website under the "Members Only" tab "Annual Report & Budget". Thank you to all of our members contributing in 2020 to make the above events so successful.

Vince Townrow earned "Skipper of the Year" for his consistent participation and placing well during the sailing season. Scott Truesdell, Race Committee Chair, was named "Most Inspirational" for his efforts on the racecourse. Iain Draper, Facilities Director, garnered the "Volunteer of the Year" award for his coordination and oversight of many projects at the clubhouse.

This month AYC made its annual donation to two worthwhile organizations: Recreational Boaters Association of Washington (RBAW) of which AYC is a charter member and the Anacortes Waterfront Alliance (AWA) focusing on small boat enjoyment in Anacortes.

A number of our members are participating virtually in the Vendee Globe "Race Around the World". Thanks to David Hansen for setting up this event.

Mark your calendars to join together in decorating the outside of our clubhouse for the Christmas Season on Friday, December 4th, at 3:00 PM. We are expecting a fun time, socially distanced, of course.

Please remember to renew your AYC membership for 2021, either online via the AYC website or send a check to 611 Rotary Park Lane; Anacortes, WA 98221. Contact Callie Weber or Jerry Reilly if you have questions concerning your membership.

Wishing you and your family a festive Holiday Season!!

-Bob Neumann, Commodore

RBAW Review for 2020

The annual membership meeting of the Recreational Boaters Association of Washington (RBAW) was held on November 14. The meeting included several guest speakers, such as Hilary Franz, Washington State Commissioner of Public Lands, Rob Sendak, Washington State Parks Boating Law Administrator, and Doug Levy, the RBAW lobbyist in Olympia.

The meeting was held via Zoom and a complete record of the meeting can be found on the RBAW website (rbaw.org). It is pretty easy to navigate and one can fast forward through portions of the meeting that may not be of interest.

Key focal points of the meeting included a desire and need to expand membership, legislative initiatives and attention to any new legislation that may affect boaters, and efforts to expand boating opportunities around the state. One of the legislative efforts being watched is a bill introduced last year that would require anyone on a boat of any size to wear a lifejacket at all times. It may be well intentioned, but as Doug Levy noted, it amounts to overreach. It will likely be reintroduced again this year. Doug also noted a desire to press for more of the tax funds provided by boaters to be applied to facilities and services that benefit boaters. As of now, those funds all go directly into the state general fund.

Lastly, there was an update on the historic Lakebay Marina project in south Puget Sound, which when complete, will offer a new boating destination for all of us.

-Terry Shoenthal, RBAW liason

Commodore's End of the Year Race and Awards

October 31st AYC held the annual Commodore's Race, which brought to a close the AYC racing calendar for 2020. It was a beautiful day on the water with plenty of fun and friendship, sunshine and even a full "blue moon"- but not much wind. It was a drifter for sure, but still a great way to wrap up our crazy 2020 sailing season! John Sanford as Vice Commodore officiated the race and also the year-end trophy award ceremony that was held in the back courtyard of the Rock Fish Grill and Anacortes Brewery.

Congratulations to Skipper Vince Townrow, owner Bob Hayward and the crew of J/105 KINETIC AYC's 2020 Boat of the Year and Class I winner!

Other class winners include:

Class II winner Jeff Hulme in OFF CONSTANTLY;

Class III winner Will Porter in NORMANDIE;

Class IV Winner John Gunn in LITTLE ANNIE!

A big shout-out to our Race Committee and scorer all year Scott Truesdell and to Tim Wenger who was the Race Chair this year. They, in partnership with our own Stephanie Campbell, coordinated two of the most successful regatta events of the year, with the return of the Windermere Regatta in June, and the August extravaganza event Northern Century, which had a record forty-three boats on the line, including some of the top racers in the Puget Sound attending,

The Vice Commodore, on behalf of the Anacortes Yacht Club, also gave thanks to Rick Starr and the team at the Rock Fish Grill and Anacortes Brewery for providing us with delicious "Racing Red" Ale Growlers for the winners and giving us a great venue to hold our ceremony! Congratulations to all!

-John Sanford, Vice Commodore



AYC Board for 2021

Congratulations to our new and returning officers for the coming year. And thank you in advance for your time and effort to make the Anacortes Yacht Club so successful in 2021.

Flag Officers

Commodore

John Sanford

Vice Commodore

Mark Maulden

Rear Commodore

Tom Norris

Secretary

Marci Maulden

Treasurer

Charles Webb

Past Commodore

Bob Neumann

Directors

Strategic Planning

Bill Rabel

Facilities

Fred Abelman

New Member Assimilation

Garth Frazier

Cruise Chair

Mike Bastrom

Race Chair

Tim Wenger

2020 AYC Awards

Most Inspirational



Scott Truesdell
Race Committee Leader

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Volunteer of the Year



Iain Draper

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Skipper of the Year



Vince Townrow
Kinetic (J-105)

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