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September 2018

The Anacortes Yacht Club

September Calendar

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Club open every Friday at 17:30

September 5 & 12-Wednesdays
18:00 Buoy Racing-Fun Series

September 6 & 13-Thursdays
9:00 Yoga Stretch Class

September 14-Friday
17:30 Salmon Dinner and General Meeting/Speaker

September 15-Saturday
08:00 Salish Series #1-Post Point

September 21-Friday
Third Friday Fun Night

September 21-23-Fri-Sunday
Deer Harbor Wine/Cheese Cruise

September 22-Saturday
Autumnal Equinox-Fall begins

September 27-Thursday
18:30 AYC Board Meeting

September 28-Friday
17:30 \$5 Night

September 29-Saturday
08:00 Double Handed Race to Jack Island

Upcoming Special Event

October 5-7 Friday-Sunday
S'Ale Fest Regatta

Commodore's Corner



From the bridge – Commodore's perspective as of August 25, 2018:

It is now the middle of summer cruising season so many members are enjoying the sunshine and warmth on their boats all over the northwest U.S. and into British Columbia. Having a

Taco Truck come to the club after races seems to have been well received so far. They have good food at reasonable prices. We still really need more people to volunteer to bartend.

Duane Knapp has been out of town so I have not been able to get together with him as yet so, I will be meeting with Duane Knapp in the near future to discuss our "promise".

The AYC cruisers had quite a month of activity with two "big" trips. The first weekend was the annual Victoria Symphony Splash cruise which saw 18 boats attending. Then mid-month was the new Gulf Islands Pub Crawl cruise. Six pubs in 7 days! Now that's the way to cruise.

We participated in some pretty cool races in August, the Wednesday night Summer Series is when we usually try to get new sailors out for indoctrination and training, the Summer around Shaw race (San Juan Island Yacht club). This was a light air race with lots of negative current but beautiful weather and scenery. For our regatta, Northern Century (AYC), this year we had pretty light wind for almost all of the race and the air was full of smoke! It was sort of like camping out with the smell of wood smoke in the air! Sunshine Girl did the short course from the start around the Alden Bank north buoy and back to the finish. Last year we finished around 7:00 AM – this year in the late afternoon. We did have some issues though.

There are Anacortes boats participating in the "Pink Boat" Regatta, which is a fund raiser to raise money for Breast Cancer research, in Bellingham this weekend. . I will be taking Sunshine Girl up to Bellingham for the PITCH Regatta this year and I urge other AYC racers to do the same!! They do know how to party there!! And the racing is pretty great as well!!

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Victoria Splash Weekend 2018



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We will be organizing an "All Racers" meeting to discuss this year's racing season and brainstorm what went right and what we can do to improve the program for next season. This will happen just after the end of this season, while it is still fresh in our minds!

Commodore, Walt Meagher



On the weekend of August 3-5 eighteen boats and crew traveled to Victoria's Inner Harbour for the annual Symphony Splash Concert. The weather could not have been any better with lots of sunshine and warm weather. In addition to the splendid concert performed from a barge anchored off the Causeway Dock AYC cruisers enjoyed other activities organized or individually. Festivities kicked off with a Friday night Happy Hour on the dock front and center of the Empress Hotel and BC Legislature Building. A vast array of appetizers and hors d'oeuvres was on display for all to enjoy.

Saturday morning a walking tour had been arranged with our own personal guide meeting us at the dock and taking us through the downtown area of Victoria providing a lot of history about the city and the area around Victoria and British Columbia. Later Saturday was the Pub Crawl not to be confused with the Gulf Island Pub Crawl Cruise. Participants walked to Garrick's Head Pub for a round or two of their favorite beverages, followed by a walk of crawl to The Banker and Bard pub for another round or so of their favorite beverage. From there cruisers went off to dinner at various restaurants in Victoria or back to the boat for dinner.

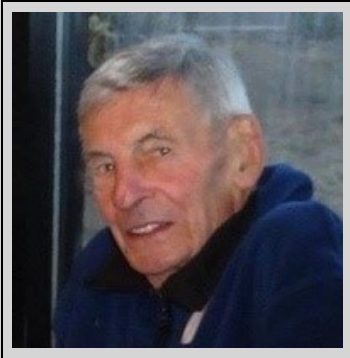
On Sunday morning an energetic group rented bicycles or brought their own for a group ride around the scenic area of Victoria. In addition to the organized activities many cruisers enjoyed the shopping opportunities and restaurants as well as the other events surrounding the Splash event.

Monday morning before departure a breakfast on the dock was held with boaters contributing many delicious scones, muffins, and rolls. Cruisers then departed for Anacortes or other cruising destinations.

Jerry & Kathi Reilly, Cruise Captains



Robert Edward Jordan



October 2, 1934-August 20, 2018

Bob was a familiar face at the AYC clubhouse having joined the yacht club in 1993. He and Jan have been long time sailors but in the recent past transitioned to power, most recently to a 26' Nordic Tug, Domitor II.

Bob loved boating in the Pacific Northwest and golfing anywhere. He had a quick wit, loved to sing, and loved an audience. He was active in the Rainier Club and the Seattle Art Museum for many years and belonged to the Mill Creek Country Club.

Bob graduated from Fayetteville High School, Syracuse University, and The American College Graduate School of Financial Sciences, Bryn Mawr, PA. He had a successful career in the financial services industry, first with the Travelers Insurance Company and finally with Wells Fargo Advisers.

Our sincere condolences to Jan and the Jordan family.

Bob will be greatly missed.

Northern Century 2018

We had 24 boats attending the Northern Century this year! 7 boats raced in the 50 Cent and 17 in the full Century. We had boats that ranged from Sanctuary rated at 243 to the Santa Cruz 50 LawnDart rated 0 and the trimaran Big Broderna, rated at -3.

It was a fun party on Friday night and a fast night on the water to Point Roberts. In the end, it was the Aerodyne 38 Kahuna to finish first and bring home the big Barn Door trophy. Class winners include: Kahuna, (big boat fully crewed 100), Bladerunner, (fully crewed little boat 100) and Overall winner, the J-120 Sheawater (big boat double handed 100) and the Moore 24 Amorillo (little boat 100 halfway). In the 50 mile race, Hraavn won fully crewed and overall, and Peace Keeper won the double handed race.

It was great to see AYC boats on the water and several AYC volunteers making the event happen. Participants seemed to have a wonderful time and many were talking about coming back again! Thanks everyone! Fun times and good show!

-Stephanie Schwenk, Race Chair



Buoy Racing-Summer Series

Our second set of 7 races, the Summer Series, began on June 27 and ended on August 22. 17 captains and crews participated in the four classes. The series included all kinds of weather and wind conditions with a little added excitement from the heavy smoke from the BC fires for the last race.

The best of class this series were: Class 1-Salsa, Class 2-Avalon, Class 3-Lucky Duck and Class 4-Sanctuary.

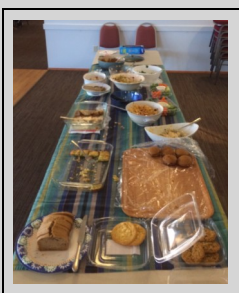
Check out all the results for this other races on the website under the Racing tab, AYC at Regatta Networks & Race Results, then Event Archive.



AYC Potlucks still a big hit

The summer tradition of replacing general meetings with the more casual potluck dinners has proven once again to be very popular. Thank you to everyone who brought the yummy dishes to share. Our last potluck had 40 members attending.

Club general meetings will resume on September 14 with the annual salmon feed. Make sure you register and we'll see you all then.



Visiting Yacht Clubs

We want to thank you and the other members of AYC for your wonderful hospitality towards the Port Townsend yacht club and our visit to your club house last week.

Everyone expressed about a great time they had, and we hope to have a return visit next year.

Please encourage your members to look us up when they head our way.

Paul Hoppel is still working on the photos and has your e-mail address to send them along soon. Here is his if you want to follow up: PAUL_hoppel_9@msn.com.

Thanks again

Kathy Painter and Port Townsend Yacht Club

We received a thank you note for the AYC hospitality extended to the Port Townsend Club in July. Great job one and all in welcoming fellow boaters to our club.

Inaugural Gulf Islands Pub Crawl Cruise



Continuing with the Canadian cruising theme for the summer, (Splash), the AYC embarked on a weeklong cruise of the Gulf Islands with only one objective, to meet at the pub in each port of call at 5pm. The theme of the week was, "No Expectations!" A total of 18 boats participated in the crawl (plus one from OIYC), coming and going at will. The ports of call were Genoa Bay, Maple Bay, Thetis Harbor, Nanaimo, Montague Bay and Port Browning. Along the way everyone made their own agenda with highlights including: rearranging boats in Genoa Bay marina, key lime pie party after dinner, biking (or motorcycling in Les Books case), hiking, kayaking, a swim in the saltwater lagoon, impromptu dock parties, dodging logs in Dodd Narrows, Sarah Joy thumbing a ride, Charlie Drake tickling the ivories, finding boats after dark, quarters on Pacific Drifter and returning to Anacortes in the smoke....

Each pub experience officially began with a 5pm horn blast followed by great food, good company and interesting conversation as we all shared our day's adventures.. Our last evening at Port Browning was a bit more upscale with dinner in the all-glass Bistro lounge including a guitar soloist. Six boats completed the entire circuit of pubs and Charlie was the winner of the grand prize...an adult beverage of his choice, how apropos!

One fun fact, almost everyone visited a new port of call. We are just thinking that this may have become the "first annual" pub crawl. See you next year?

-MarKay and Bob Neumann, Cruise Captains