



# KNOT NEWS

December 2018

The Anacortes Yacht Club

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## December Calendar

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Club open every Friday at 17:30

**December 13-Thursday**  
18:30 AYC Board Meeting

**December 14-Friday**  
18:30-General meeting/dinner  
Speaker: Kevin Pratt,  
Anacortes Waterfront Alliance

**December 14-16-Fri -Sun**  
18:00-Christmas on the Docks

**December 21-Friday**  
17:30-Third Friday Fun Night

**December 28-Friday**  
17:30 -\$5 Night

**December 31-Monday**  
Private Event-club closed

**Mark your Calendars**  
**January 19-Commodore's Ball**



## Commodore's Corner



From the bridge – Commodore's perspective as of November 30, 2018: On November 5th we held the Commodore's race which was won by Lars Strandberg on the mighty trimaran Big Broderna. The annual Round the County race was run on the 10th and 11th of November. As usual they had 125 boats signed up within hours of opening up registration. This is one where if you snooze you really do lose!! This year was not typical conditions as we had somewhat steady breeze both days. Over the many times I have done this race it seemed like one day would have quite strong winds and waves and the other day lacked enough wind to finish. This year we pretty much all finished during daylight both days! The problem with this from my perspective was that the boats with newer sails had the advantage over those of us who rely on old age and treachery to do better. It was great fun and not the least bit life threatening although we did not do very well. We do not have new sails! Another happening during November was the day after Thanksgiving a number of Husky and Cougar congregated at the club to watch the annual Apple Cup. As I'm sure you know the Husky fans went home happy and the Cougs not so much!

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for all the help I have had over the past 11 months with the Commodore's job. There is a bit of a time commitment to being a flag officer and the way I approached the Commodore's job it also took quite a bit of time. However, I was able to call on many members to help and was virtually always met with cheerful acceptance! During next year as the immediate past commodore I intend to continue to work on doing things to make it easier to volunteer, continue the strategic planning initiative and work towards more detailed job descriptions for many volunteer positions that would benefit from having them. I will also do whatever is required of me to help support the new Commodore, Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore. Again, I thank you for the opportunity to serve you over the past year as your Commodore!!

*Your 2018 Commodore, Walt Meagher*

## Ship's Store

Christmas will soon be here and what better time to shop for fabulous AYC gear for your yourself or your favorite boating enthusiast. The store is open every Friday. For for any special orders or questions contact Mary Trester.



## Welcome to your 2019 Board

### Flag Officers:

Commodore-Bill Stone  
Vice-Commodore-Bob Neumann  
Rear Commodore-John Sanford  
Treasurer- David Hansen  
Secretary- Betty Gluck

### Directors:

Position 1- Chuck Trester  
Position 2- Tom Norris  
Position 3- Mark Maulden

Cruise Chairs-Marti and Garth Frazier  
Race Chair-Stephanie Schwenk

## Racing 2018

### Year End Awards Ceremony

The 2018 AYC racing year now joins the pantheon of great sailing seasons upon the Salish Sea! On a drizzly Wednesday evening November 7<sup>th</sup> the AYC racers convened at the club house to celebrate the end of another racing year. The hostess of ceremonies was our own Stephanie Campbell Schwenk, AYC Racing Chairperson, and our "ambassador of fun".

The award table was filled with a beautiful bouquet of flowers for Stephanie's hard work as race chair this year and trophy beer glasses and action shots of all the boats recognized for their efforts this year win, place, or show in each class during Spring Series, Solstice Series, Summer Series and

Fall Series Wednesday night races as well as the distance race event winners! Like the academy awards there was great elation, drama and joy for all the winners. One boat was recognized as having an overwhelmingly successful distance race performance and mentioned in all the Wednesday night series results. In golf the winners receive green jackets, but at our club this years winner received a brand new official AYC Club Jacket with his achievement boldly embroidered on the sleeve.

Congratulations to **Jeff Hulme** on the mighty "**OFF CONSTANTLY**" recognized as the 2018 AYC "Boat of The Year". Well done to Jeff and his crew!



Jeff Hulme



Off Constantly

For those looking forward to next year the 2019 AYC race season will kick off February 23<sup>rd</sup> for the start of the annual Girts Rekevics Memorial Foul Weather race. Stay warm over the winter holidays and prep your boats for next year racers!

*-John Sanford*

## Pizza and PAC 12

Keeping the “ball” rolling, AYC hosted the PAC 12 Championship game at the club. The victorious Apple Cup winner, Huskys, took on the Utah “Utes”. Sam and Bill Stone brought on the pizza while Kathy and Jerry Reilly kept the fans refreshed behind the bar. It was nip and tuck but the Huskys punched their ticket for the Rose Bowl game in Pasadena on New Year’s Day. Another victory for the UW and another great event at the AYC.



## AED Reminders

Just a reminder that there is an AED unit on the wall next to the womens’ restroom. Procedures were reviewed at the November general meeting. FYI, when the unit door is opened there is an extremely loud alarm which can be turned off by the tiny key taped to the inside bottom.

Review of AED usage and procedures is helpful for everyone to know. Please take 5 minutes to view the following video (starting at 9:58 –Adult Defibrillation)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z1cyRNgyrQ&t=601s>

It is good to be prepared.

## Football fever comes to the AYC



### Apple Cup



Diehard Husky and Cougar fans gathered at AYC to watch the 111th rivalry game to crown the college football champion for the State of Washington. About 30 AYC members and guests, including the incoming Commodore of the Fidalgo Yacht Club, enjoyed the game and were glad to not be sitting in the stands at Martin Stadium due to the wintry weather.



While rooting on one’s favorite team and sitting comfortably in tail gate chairs, we enjoyed a plentiful array of hors d’ oeuvres while raising a glass to quench our thirst. After each score, the respective school’s fight song was played for all supporters to show their school spirit. Warren Walz orchestrated the football pool while Bill LeDuc and Dorothy Engom tended bar. Thanks to Sean and Jan for setting up the Apple TV. The mighty “Purple Reign” prevailed at the end of the game (28-15) and “Bow Down to Washington” was heard once again. Chris Peterson’s Huskies continue their dominance over the Cougars led by Mike Leach.

*Bob Neumann  
Rear Commodore*

## Deck the Halls at the AYC

It is that time of year again when the AYC gets dressed up for the holidays. A merry crew of club members took time out of PAC 12 football excitement to decorate the tree and light the banister. Thanks to all who pitched in to lend a festive appearance to the clubhouse.



Mary (and MarKay) set up the tree



Chris, Karen, Diane and David decorating



John braves the cold to drape lights

## Round the County Race

For the hearty sailors of the PNW there is nothing better at the beginning of November than setting sail for the annual circumnavigation of San Juan County. The Orcas Island YC calls it the 'Round the County regatta and it has a reputation of a late season gear buster. This regatta, Nov 10 and 11th this year, has been held for over 30 years and about half the time lives up to its reputation, not so much this year unless you include keel busting on well charted rocks in the gear busting description.

AYC has hosted a party the last several years on the Friday prior for all the visiting yachts and sailors. The Strandberg boys with a little help from 2018 "Yacht of the Year" recipient Jeff Hume served up a boat load of chili in an atmosphere of conviviality. The non-stoppable Stephanie had the club decorated and had a video featuring all kinds of action from previous years. If the bar had anything left to serve at the end of the night it would be a surprise to me. Thanks to all that helped put the place back together and count the \$\$\$.



A surprising amount of wind and current greeted the racers Saturday morning and it was a spinnaker stampede from the start at Lydia Shoal to the first turning mark at Davidson Rock. The slower boats start first and with 125 in the fleet it gets interesting as gybes are exchanged; pleasantries noted in each cross. There is also a buoy near Kellett Ledge two AYC boats were tardy to take note of but both vessels were in fine shape by the time they crossed the finish line near Mosquito Pass. They hold the clock overnight and again fine wind for the start and the sprint to Turn Point. The reach up Boundary Pass was crapshoot of how far to Canada one dared to go to avoid current raging at the Patos turn. Again spinnakers were set and most boats made the finish in daylight. Motoring home in the dark lights were twinkling down Guemes Channel and the holidays seemed to be the main topic of conversation. The Commodore and his merry bunch on Sunshine Girl were in fine form as well as Capt Mac on Pangaea, Jimmy Bottles and the bad boys on Celebration, The fiery red Toonces with local tradesman Steve Tiefisher on the stick, Broderna with those same chili cooks, the family affair aboard Teddy Bear, local sailing guru Vince Townrow running the show aboard Kinetic, the lovely Stephanie as the sole female skipper in the fleet with only a solo dude aboard, Kevin Welch parked up the mighty ICON and absconded with his lovely wife's RECON and not to give it all away but they did win overall!

*-Andy Schwenk*