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February 2020

The Anacortes Yacht Club

Since 1891

February Calendar

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Club open every Friday at 17:30

February 2 –Sunday
15:00-Super Bowl Party

February 13-Thursday
18:30 AYC Board Meeting

February 14-Friday
17:30 General Meeting/Speaker
Valentine's Day

February 22-23-Sat/Sunday
Girls Rekevics Foul Weather
Race and Cruise

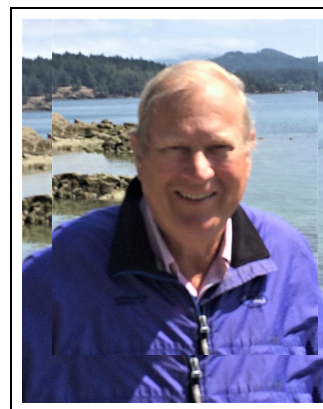
February 28-Friday
17:30 Five Buck Night

Buoy Racing begins March 18



Commodore's Corner

I am looking forward to serve as your AYC Commodore for 2020. MarKay and I have been AYC members since 2011. We own a 35' Ericson sailboat which has been moored at Anchor Cove Marina since 2002. Both of us have enjoyed the friendships we have developed at the club. Please contact me if you have suggestions for enhancing your experience as a member of our club.



"Sea of Treasures" was the theme for the Commodore's Ball held on Saturday, January 18th. As members of AYC we are fortunate to have the Salish Sea as our backyard and enjoy its treasures while using our boats cruising and/or racing. Special thanks to Dave Starrett for serving as "Master of Ceremonies" and Bill Stone for his leadership as Commodore in 2019. All those attending had an enjoyable evening and set the stage for a memorable 2020 at our club.

We welcome six new members to the 2020 AYC Board Kathleen Hughlock (Treasurer), Marci Maulden (Secretary), Iain Draper (Director), Bill Elmer (Director), Mike Bastrom (Cruise Chair), and Tim Wenger (Race Chair). Continuing members of the board include Bob Neumann (Commodore), John Sanford (Vice Commodore), Mark Maulden (Rear Commodore), Bill Stone (Past Commodore), Tom Norris (Director), Callie Weber (Membership Chair), and Jerry Reilly (Website Czar).

The Super Bowl Party (LIV) at AYC kicks off the month of February. Guests from Fidalgo and Flounder Bay Yacht Clubs were invited to join us in watching the exciting game on our new projection system. Thank you to Mark Maulden for coordinating efforts with "Horizon Audio & Video" to upgrade our system.

John Sanford is orchestrating a special event for our General Meeting to be held on Friday, February 14th. A "Valentine's Day" dinner will be prepared by Walt Meagher, Chef Extraordinaire, followed by dancing to "Fidalgo Swing". Sign up on the AYC website.

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Bill Stone and Bob Neumann



Most Inspirational
Marti Frazier



Volunteers of the Year Award
Jerry Reilly and Mark Maulden



Beth Blosten and Tom Linder
Tom's 50th year with AYC

A Sea of Treasures-2020 Commodore's Ball

On January 18, Bill Stone entered the ranks of "Past Commodore" as the AYC celebrated his successful year at the helm. Friday night, new member, Terry Deal orchestrated hanging the spinnaker backdrop with the Saturday crew putting the finishing touches on the clubhouse to transform it into an elegant cafe. A big thank you to the many hands that helped.

Donning tuxedos and glitzy attire, the members were entertained by Master of Ceremonies, Dave Starrett, making sure Bill could feel the love. Awards this year went to Marti Frazier for Most Inspirational, and Mark Maulden and Jerry Reilly for being the Volunteers of the Year. Celebrating long-time membership milestone awards were as follows: Tom Linder (50), Del Fox (45), Judy Rekevics (35), Beth Blosten, Jeanie Browne, Ginger and Steve Orsini (30), Mary and George Newbury, Chris Sherman and Heather Roderick (25).

Incoming Commodore, Bob Neumann, made his aspirations known during the oath of office as he pledged to "fulfil the duties as Commodore of the United....", oops, drawing plenty of hoots and hollers from the crowd.



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Vice-Commodore-John Sanford

Greetings! By way of introduction, I am John Sanford. I have been an active part of the AYC racing program since 2004.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to be your Rear Commodore this year. I hope you have enjoyed it as much as Callie and I have. My thanks to the team; those who volunteered behind “Bruce’s Bar” this year and to Bob Barry who managed the dinghy dock so well.

I am looking forward to the year ahead as your Vice Commodore. We have a full schedule of great speakers and activities planned this year, with a range of topics that will include something for everybody. My aim for 2020, will be to further develop our “community” not only within our membership, but across the regional yacht clubs in the Salish Sea; to strengthen our fellowship with one another and take pride in our grand legacy as one of the truly fine yachting clubs since 1891. I welcome your participation and input as we walk into this great new year together.

Rear Commodore-Mark Maulden

I think I'm part of a rare breed in that I grew up in the Pacific Northwest and I'm still here!! I grew up in Normandy Park just southwest of SeaTac. My grandfather had a K-38 sailboat and later on a Spencer 42 that I enjoyed sailing on and learning the Salish Sea. So, I sort of did things backwards by starting sailing on bigger boats instead of dinghies although he did have a Ranger Minto that I did some things with I won't admit to.

Fast forward to later life, I had a very rewarding 37 yr career with Boeing Engineering and retired six yrs ago. My later sailing life was living aboard several boats and then meeting Marci and deciding to live aboard and cruising a Gulfstar 44 ketch that we did for nine yrs. When we sold the Gulfstar, we bought our current house and remodeled it being without a boat for ten years. We found our current boat in Seattle (there's a story there) as a slip queen and slowly refitted it over the last few years and then found Anacortes Yacht Club and joined in 2012.

In my mind, the things that stand out with AYC are the diversity and co-operation of various mariner/civic activities in an all volunteer manner. I've tried to be active by photographing events, bartending, and serving on the board in charge of facilities within and around our clubhouse the last two years.

One of my goals as Rear Commodore is to enhance our bartending cadre. One of the best volunteer positions is bartending as you get to meet people and it's just plain fun! So, in the spirit, please consider taking the state MAST class, or renewing, and volunteering for bar tending. Any board member can help getting started. As a point of reference, if we have no bartenders for a Friday night, the club will not open. The bar is a significant source of revenue and if that revenue dwindles, well....we all know what will happen with dues. It really does take a club!!



Membership Update

New Preferred Members

Terry Deal - "Elma Frances"
West Bay Gazelle 46'

Terry was raised on Lake Erie and moved to Idaho in 1981 where he owned an electrical contracting company. Presently he is retired and plans on going blue water cruising. He is excited to get involved in the cruising program as well as social events.

Sue Meinzingen & Mark Bunje
"Foreign Affair"
1979 San Juan 28'

Sue's love of the water and boating began in the Georgian Bay Area of Ontario, Canada, where she grew up. She has called the Pacific Northwest home since 1990. Mark is a Pacific Northwest Native. Wishing to spend more time on the water, Sue and Mark purchased a 1979 San Juan 28 in 2015. Learning to sail has been a long time goal for Sue. Being a motor head since early childhood, Mark is taking a bit longer to adapt to the silent beauty of wind power, however, his mechanical skills are a definite asset in keeping their old sailboat in good working order. They are excited to get involved in the racing and cruising program also enjoying the many social events the club offers.

Please welcome our newest members when you see them at the club or on the water.

-Callie Weber, Membership



Treasurer—Kathleen Hughlock

First things first. Yes, I have an accent. Born in Brooklyn, raised in New York. Resident of Washington State for 30 years. My husband, Barrie, is here with me.

Our first boat was a 9 foot Livingston, complete with oars. Then, a 21 foot Arima Sea Ranger (and, "Boy did we range the seas!!!") Next came a 30 foot Hunter sailboat, then Boeing would not ship the boat when

transferred to SoCal, and no moorage, so, no boat. Then came retirement.

YES!! We love living in Anacortes, we now have a 31 foot Camano Troll. And we are very happy to make your acquaintance. We thoroughly enjoyed our cruise to the Gulf Islands with the club. Thank you, and we look forward to many more. We enjoy not only this club, but the entire Anacortes community.

I worked as a CPA in both Washington and California. I enjoy accounting, and I welcome the opportunity to lend my skills to enhance the community.

Secretary—Marci Maulden

My husband, Mark, and I have been members of AYC since 2012 and I am pleased to be serving as your secretary for the year 2020.

I moved to Washington from the California desert in 1982. I didn't grow-up boating, and when I arrived in Seattle, the water features were so overwhelmingly beautiful I use to dream of being able to go out boating.

Fortunately for me, I met Mark in 1986 and our very second date was sailing on his 36 foot S2 sailboat on Lake Washington. I was hooked- for the boat and the guy, but not necessarily in that order! We have been enjoying boating on the Salish Sea ever since and I can't imagine living anywhere but the Pacific Northwest!





Joyce Marsula

**November 15, 1943
January 4, 2020**

One of our former members, Joyce Marsula, passed away earlier this month. She was AYC Commodore in 1993. In the early 90's the Anacortes Yacht Club celebrated its 100th year anniversary, built our new facilities on Rotary Park Lane, and purchased adjacent property from the City of Anacortes. Joyce was very involved in contributing to these projects. Our condolences to her family.

Bartending Training Class

We held a training and refresher meeting for AYC bartenders on Jan 11 which was attended by approximately a dozen people. We went through all the procedures from opening the club; getting the bar ready; pouring drinks; and even using Square, our credit card reader. For some people, the Square is intimidating, but once you've navigated around it and made a few transactions, it goes pretty easily. Thank you to all who participated! I plan on organizing several more training/refresher sessions throughout the year and we are also planning a "just for fun event" to honor all our bartenders in April or May of this year.

-Mark Maulden, Rear Commodore

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As always, Gere-a-Deli did a masterful job of catering the event. Bartenders Kathi and Jerry Reilly, Liz Merriman and Steve Hayes made sure everyone was well served. Thanks as well to Mike Russell for the great photos.

After all the pomp and circumstance, members were once again treated to the fine music for dancing of "The Savage Blues Band" A hardy group of 7 lasted to the very end.



Congratulations to Bill Stone for a great year and to Bob Neumann for taking the helm for 2020.

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Racing season begins with the annual "Girts Rekevics Foul Weather Race & Cruise" on Saturday, February 22nd. Amongst Girts' many accomplishments were Commodore of AYC in 1986, founder of Northwest Rigging, campaigned "Handy Man" on our local waters and earned many "AYC Boat of the Year" awards, commended by the "Swiftsure International Race Committee" for over 20 consecutive years of participation in the event. Girts' motto, "Follow me and you will be second!" All club members are invited to attend dinner at the San Juan Island Yacht Club (Friday Harbor) at 6:30 PM. Registration for 'Dinner Only' is available on our website; whether you plan to cruise or ferry over to the event. Sailing instructions are on the AYC website as well; questions can be directed to Stephanie Campbell at (360)770-9460.

The 2020 AYC Board looks forward to an exciting and memorable year. Thank you to our many volunteers that make our club a fun place to spend our discretionary time.

-Bob Neumann, Commodore 2020