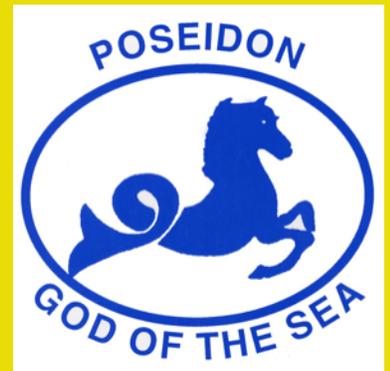




# January 2022 Edition of the Poseidon

The Newsletter of the Fidalgo Yacht Club  
Anacortes



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## Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars

1/1/2022 Happy New Years

1/3 Threads & Yarns

1/6 Book Club

1/15 Nautical Trivia Night  
5:00 PM

1/17 Threads & Yarns

2/14/22 Valentines Dinner

Make online reservation  
here.

### From the Commodore: Kathy Ramsay

I would like to thank you all for the vote of confidence making me your Commodore for this year. For the third year in a row, we are having to navigate the ins and outs of a covid world. Not ideal, but if there is one word to describe Fidalgo Yacht Club and it's members, it is RESILIENT.

You'll notice in this first issue of the Poseidon for '22, we are planning a lot of activities for your enjoyment. If we can't do it on water, we'll do it on land.... If we can't do it inside, let's go outside.... If we can't do it in person, well then, why not Zoom? The bridge and the board are determined to keep this an active club by whatever means possible. January already has events coming - please attend.

Which brings me to a key word - VOLUNTEERING. You've heard this repetitively, I know. Ray and I moved here from Oklahoma for the boating, knowing not one person. It was by helping out on events and cruises and dinners that we got to know so many members, develop true friendships and learned what FYC represented. If you are asked to assist or lead an event, say "YES"! It'll be one of the best decisions you will make as a member.

Speaking of volunteers, thanks to all of you again for the wonderful and classy "changing of the guard" ceremony. Ray and I are so appreciative and we are looking forward to seeing you this year by any and all means possible.

Cheers to Fidalgo Yacht Club!

Kathy Ramsay



## **From the Vice Commodore: John Buchanon**

I hope you all enjoyed the holidays despite the frigid weather. Just so you know, I am not basking in the warm sun as it even rains down in San Diego occasionally.

We had some very nice events in December and we plan to continue being active into 2022!

The month began with the Alternative Commodore's Ball and then the fun Gift Exchange party shortly after. I thought Dianne's team did a great job of pulling off a more casual but still elegant event for the changing of the guard. I would like to thank all the volunteers that made those events successful and the members for coming out and participating!

Rolling into the new year we have more events in store. The January dinner promises to be informative, with the leaders of MJB discussing their plans for the development down at Cap Sante. Watch your email for a flyer coming soon. We also have Bar Nights every Saturday starting at 5pm, and more Seahawks games.

See the calendar on the website for all the fun stuff that is scheduled.

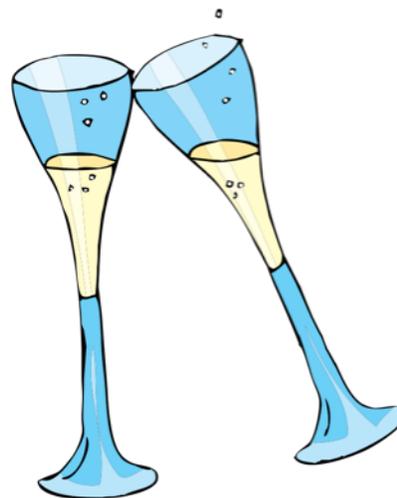
We are still looking for some dinner hosts, so if you get a call from me or Jan Larson, please consider helping out. We are also needing bartenders regularly, so if you want to add that to your resume, please contact me or Karen Ryan for details.

I look forward to serving as your Vice Commodore in 2022. For you newer members, the Vice Commodore is responsible for and oversees the monthly dinners, operation and maintenance of the clubhouse and bar, and Ship's Store, among other things. If you have any questions or comments about Vice activities, please feel free to contact me.

Keep in mind the code for the upper door changes annually to the new commodore's birthday (month/day). Also, the gate keypad is being replaced so that we can get the gate open!

Finally, many thanks to Tom and Dianne Kuhn for all their help and leadership this past year!

Cheers to the possibilities for 2022!



## **FYC Poseidon “Rear Commodore’s Team”**

Oh, the weather outside is frightful, but the fire is so delightful  
And since we've no place to go, let it snow, let it snow, let it snow.

**But wait**, we do have a place to go and things to do in 2022! So why do you say? Because....

1. Although the Rear Commodore position was not filled last year and John Buchanan moved up to Vice Commodore for 2022, the Past Commodores and the Board of Directors formed Leadership Teams to support the Rear Commodore, Vice Commodore and Commodore. The Rear Commodore Leadership Team is Tom Hopper, Tom Kuhn, Tom Wallace, Bob Salmons and Lee Patza. Sometime this year, hopefully a Rear Commodore will be appointed by the Board until next October's Annual Meeting.
2. The Team has identified and welcomed Robbin Young as Activities Committee Chairperson. For all you Seahawks fans, Robbin has taken the ball and is running faster than Marshawn Lynch did with it!

### **Here's What has Been Set for 2022 So far:**

1. Nautical Trivia Night at Club Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>
2. Valentines Dinner Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> with enough members sign ups.
3. On Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, Robbin hosted an online all member Zoom Meeting for activity idea input. She was able to collect activity ideas from over 10 members of the 20 plus who were on the Zoom Meeting.
4. On Mon. Jan. 10, Robbin along with the Rear Commodores Team will be meeting online with those members to better define and discuss a plan to make the activity happen next year. **At that meeting, we will also be deciding about Zoom Activity alternatives if necessary due to COVID guidelines.** Remember, we follow Washington State directives.

Expect to see a full list of activities announced in the February Poseidon. Then expect to be approached to help with an activity in some way. All of us need to be active volunteers to build our Club back better!

In case you're looking for additional involvement in activities now, look at our website members only calendar to see what else is already planned. Several special interest groups from Zoom Wine Tasting, Threads and Yarn, Book Club, Rowing are always open to members.

**Finally, this is for our Newer Member Boaters, we have heard you clearly at our Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> Zoom Activity Brainstorming and your Number One Interest in Boater Education! Planning is underway for a complete series of educational sessions which will mostly occur in April and May as we wait for our snowbird members to return and want to complete them before regular boating begins for the Spring and Summer! Expect to hear more next month!**

Tom Hopper, Tom Kuhn, Tom Wallace, Bob Salmons and Lee Patza  
Rear Commodores Team

## Welcome FYC's New Webmaster

Beginning Jan. 1, **George Hamlin** will be FYC's new webmaster.

I leave the post having been in it since 2013.

During my tenure, I worked closely with **Barbee Cromack** and the late **Bob Lane** to create a branding strategy for our site. We wanted the site to draw visitors and potential new members while also serving the needs of our membership.

**Barbee**, with her advertising background, has written most of the inviting prose visitors read in the public section. **Bob**, with his journalism background, wrote the history page. Both **Bob** and **Barbee**, accomplished photographers, worked to bring the best and most meaningful photos possible to the site, a task that is surprisingly difficult. I applaud and thank both! And the three of us thank members who have contributed these photographs. Their photographs draw visitors in and tell our story.

Some of the modernizations that have occurred since 2013 include:

- Maintaining the site in the cloud so it is accessible from more than one computer.
- Posting and editing documents via Google Docs (thank you, **Kim Adams!**).
- Providing on-line purchasing options for events (first PayPal, then Square).
- Linking YouTube videos to the site.

As I leave, I thank you for the opportunity to be your webmaster these past eight years. It has been my pleasure.

Best, Joanne Wilshin

## White Elephant Fun!





## 2022 FYC Membership Cards

Members who have paid their 2022 dues can find their new membership cards at the club. Your cards will be at the top of the stairs in your name badge holder after New Year's Day. If at any time during the year you misplace them and need a new one, please let me know.

Liz Weideman  
Membership

## Welcome 2021 Members!

Bill & Susan Cook  
Mike & Virginia Kelley  
Jim & Diana Lincoln  
Michael McCoy & Heidi Armovit  
Steve & Laura Snider  
Jim & Cheryl Poitras



## Threads & Yarns

Threads and Yarns has enjoyed returning to the club house on the 1st and 3rd Monday afternoon from 1-3. Join us with your crafting, art, sewing, card making, etc. we help and inspire each other with a nice variety of projects.

This group was in charge of decorating FYC for a bright and cheerful Christmas setting Extra thanks to those that adopted windows. Displays were created by Pat Thompson, Dianne Kuhn, Laura Hettich, Barb Hylton, Janet Lien, Jerome and Mary Robbins. At our next meeting on January 3rd we will take down the decorations. Please stop by and give a hand. Extra help would be appreciated.

Questions, contact Barb Hylton or Mary Robbins



Please remember that FYC can send Sunshine Wishes to those in need of some extra cheer. Please reach out to Lauren Corson to let her know of anyone with a surgery, illness, loss or just needing extra written hugs with a cheerful card. We thank Eugenia Murphy for being our sunshine lady over the past few years. Your efforts were most appreciated

## Book Club News

FYC Book Club is open to all members and offers an opportunity to spend an enjoyable hour sharing thoughts about the book chosen for that month. Book club participants recommend and vote on the book to be discussed, ensuring a wide variety of literary (and sometimes not so literary) entertainment and lively discussion.

Make the first Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m., on Zoom, your Book Club Day. We would love to have you join us and partake in our always-fascinating conversation surrounding each book's themes.

If you'd like to be included in notifications, please contact Joanne Wilshin ([joannewilshin@gmail.com](mailto:joannewilshin@gmail.com)).

Our books through September are below.

January - [My Dark Vanessa](#), by Mary Elizabeth Russell

February - [Lost Boys of Montauk](#), by Amanda Fairbanks

March - [The Vanishing Half](#), by Brit Bennett

April - [The Madness of Crowds](#), by Louise Penny

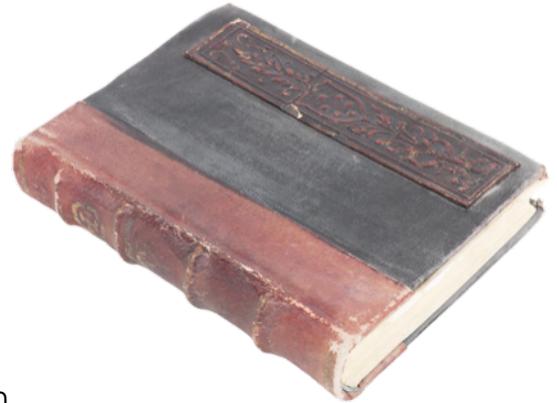
May - [The Night Watchman](#), by Louise Erdrich

June - [Eleanor](#), by David Michaelis

July - [The Book of Longings](#), by Sue Monk Kidd

August - [Half the Sky](#), by Nicholas Kristoff and Sheryl WuDunn

September - [The Last Thing He Told Me](#), by Laura Dave



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Joanne Rodasta Wilshin

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## Come Join Our One-Fathom Wine Club!

We were 20 members strong at the December wine tasting hosted by Tom Kuhn, with members attending our Zoom gathering from Salt Lake City and Phoenix. The 2019 Mark West Pinot Noir from Modesto, CA, and the 2019 Nadia Pinot Noir, a blend from 3 CA vineyards, both averaged 13 out of 20 points by the group. So we know that there are better pinot noir wines out there, probably from Willamette Valley OR.

Jerome & Mary will host the January Zoom wine tasting of the "forgotten" wine Merlot. For fun ahead of time they recommend a viewing of the movie "Sideways" before the tasting! The group decided that Thursdays at 5 pm work best for everyone. With that in mind, we will Zoom again on January 13th at 5 pm. The wines tasted will be 2018 Francis Coppola Diamond Collection Merlot from Geyserville CA and 2018 Ste Chateau Michelle Indian Wells Contemporary Winemaking Series from Columbia Valley WA. Both wines are available at Safeway for \$12.59 each at the 6-pack carrier discount. Please let the Robbins know if you want to participate for the wine notes, judging sheet, and Zoom logon.

