



February 2022 Edition of the Poseidon

The Newsletter of the Fidalgo Yacht Club
Anacortes



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Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars

2/2 Book Club. Zoom
2/7 Threads & Yarns Zoom

2/14/22 Valentines Dinner

2/17 Wine Club via Zoom

2/21 Threads & Yarns. Zoom

2/24 February Dinner
Meeting

Make online reservation
here.

From the Commodore: Kathy Ramsay

I'd first like to start these comments with the somber news that FYC has lost six members/former members of our yacht club in the last month or so. Having been a member for 26 years, Ray and I knew all of these very nice people. I hope you will take the time to read a little about them in the Memorial section of this Poseidon.

We now welcome Marshall Corson as our RBAW representative, taking over for Bob Murphy. Bob was a talented and enthusiastic member that was very well liked by the RBAW community. Lauren Corson will now be our next "Sunshine Lady", following the wonderful tenure of Eugenia Murphy. FYC is very grateful for the Murphys' assistance these past years.

The Weidemans are now preparing the 2022 Directory. More info will be sent about timing, purchasing additional copies shortly. Thanks to Wayne and Liz for all your hard work.

It was a really great experience to have a dinner meeting in person, with food and a speaker and everything! This "covid catastrophe" has made us appreciate the times we can be together. I'd like to thank the crew and the speaker for the great presentation. We're planning for a February dinner in house as well as the Valentines Day dinner. Please attend and bring your sweetie! More information in this issue of the Poseidon.

The cruising season will be starting soon with the shakedown cruise to LaConner. Plan to attend. April is at Roche Harbor, one of my fave places on earth. More info coming.

I could not end this or ANY column in the newsletter without a call for volunteers to host dinner meetings, help with Special Events, be crew for a cruise, bartend a night or two. The name of the game is to contribute some of your time to keep FYC an active, healthy and fun organization. All hands on deck!

Kathy Ramsay

From the Vice Commodore: John Buchanan

I understand the January dinner went very well and the speaker, MJB's Jimmy Blais, did a great job of informing the members about their development plans. Thank you to those who attended and our great volunteers for making it happen. Jan Larson and Karen Ryan handled the dinner while Mark McCaughan and Tom Kuhn arranged and managed the speaker.

The next dinner in February will feature the Anacortes Museum director Brent Lunsford as our speaker and include a dinner hosted by Milly Brown and Bob Salmons. Please see the flyer for further details. We are still looking for help with future dinners, so if you would like to join the fun, please call me or Jan Larson.

We also have Bar Nights every Saturday at 5pm, so come down and keep our bartenders busy.



Commodore's Ball 2021



“From the Rear Commodore Team”

In the last edition of the Poseidon you learned about how the ‘team’ is keeping the position together and that Robbin Young has taken on the task of putting activities together for 2022. She has worked hard on this and has put together a calendar of events – not just for the activities but has added all club events on it to make it easier for planning and easier to see where you can volunteer to head up an event or be on an event team. Here is what she has to say --

“Last month you learned about the new team filling the Rear Commodore role for the first part of this year. Based on your input, I’m helping plan events you’ll like and finding volunteers to host them. Of course we may have to make adjustments, but the focus on camaraderie and boating experiences remains unchanged.

You’ve been wonderful about stepping up to help make these events happen, so you’ll see just a few gaps in the plan. We’re focusing on spreading the volunteer requests around so everyone gets a chance to help out and no one gets over-asked. Please consider joining us. With that, here’s a peek at what we’re working on:”

Included in this edition of the Poseidon is the starting calendar that she has put together – it will be posted and updated on our website to keep us all up to date.

If anyone has ideas or would like to volunteer to be a leader or on an event team please let her know.

Lastly, the FYC RC Team is still hopeful that we will still get someone to step up and take the Rear Commodore position for 2022. The biggest part of the position is getting the activities in place and you can see that part is well underway. If you have any questions about the position, please give one of us a call and we will be happy to discuss it with you.

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



In Memoriam

Remembering Bob Murray

Bob and Deanna Murray were members of FYC from 1983 to 2002. Some of you may remember Bob because he was your dentist, others because he was FYC Good Samaritan of the Year in 1984 and 1985. Bob passed away peacefully on the snowy morning of December 28th at the age of 86. In addition to FYC, Bob was a member of the Anacortes Rotary Club for more than 50 years and served as Club President in 1975-76. He was an active member of many professional organizations and taught weekly at the UW Dental School in the Restorative Department for 32 years. Bob will be missed.

Remembering Sheila Gifford

Sheila Gifford, a member with her husband Yale, from 1992 – 2010, recently passed away. Their boat, the S-Y, a 34' Northwind was often found cruising the San Juan Islands to Greenway Sound and Sullivan Bay. Small, quiet anchorages were often their favorites. Sheila was an original member of the club's rowing crew, the FLRTS, and became a Master upon meeting the requirements.

Remembering Jo Wheeler

Jo Wheeler, a member of Fidalgo Yacht Club from 2000 through 2017, passed away yesterday. She had an aneurism that had been causing much pain. She went peacefully in her sleep. Jo is survived by her husband, Rod. You may send him your condolences at:

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Remembering Tom Foster

Tom Foster joined Fidalgo yacht club in 2006 with his wife Sally, looking forward to enjoying the Northwest waters in their sailboat and later with their 31 foot Ranger Tug. He enjoyed flying between his home in Bend, OR and his home here in Anacortes in his Lake airplane.

He graduated from Stanford University and Stanford Medical School, and was trained in Radiology at the Mayo Clinic. He practiced in Bend, OR for his entire career.

He was a good neighbor on Croatian Way always ready with a friendly conversation. He enjoyed the outdoors skiing and scuba diving with Sally. He would often enjoy throwing balls up and down the street for his Portuguese Water Dog, Typhoon, and generally being outside and active. He was a friend to all and will be missed.

Remembering Bob Murphy

Bob and Eugenia joined FYC back in 2006. Their boat, a 43' Bayliner named Mariah, was often found at Roche Harbor, Bob's favorite place. In addition to being FYC's Good Samaritan of the Year in 2021, Bob was also our wonderful rep for RBAW. He will be missed.

Remembering Bobbie White

Former member Bobbie White and her husband Jim joined FYC in 1988. Jim was Commodore in 1996, and played a major role in getting our current facility. Bobbie was known for her fiery red hair, her joy, kindness and her fabulous cooking skills. Before retiring to Sierra Vista, AZ, Jim and Bobbie owned Ironsides, a 54' custom power boat. They have many great friends in the club still.

2022 Barseide Educational Chats

We've heard you loud and clear! More education, more education, more education... So, here is a preview of the upcoming educational events.

There will be the ever-popular provisioning talk where members share the latest provisioning and storage hacks. We will also have an evening where we discuss member's summer cruising ideas and how to use the club's cruising board to meet up with others. Many of you joined FYC because of the reciprocals. So, we will learn how to use the reciprocal site, share member's experiences visiting reciprocals, and how to best use them on your travels. Pizza and Plotting will also make a return this year! Don't miss this chance to stop by tables with information covering the destinations that you are interested in visiting. If you need to brush up on knots, learn how to tie them, or splice an eye then we have the event for you.

All these educational events will be held in February, March, April, and May. Look for the exact dates and additional information on each chat in the upcoming weeks.

We also plan to include educational opportunities at many of this year's cruises. At the March cruise, we will 'show and tell' why you need, how to assemble, and where to store your ditch bags. At the Roche Harbor cruise will we go over rescue equipment, placement on your boat, and how to use it. There will also be demonstrations and a chance to practice yourself.

We are excited for the opportunity to spread our wealth of boating knowledge within the club. If you have other education ideas that you'd like to see presented, we'd love to hear them.

Liz Weideman and Carole Buffum



Welcome New Members!

Daryl and Susan McWilliams

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Threads & Yarns

The Threads and Yarns group decided to Zoom for the February 7th and 21st meetings at 1:00 PM. The nice thing is that also allows our traveling members to join in too. We still inspire each other with show and tell. If you aren't already on the group list send your email to Barb Hylton or Daryl Robbins 

Ship's Store February 2022

This is the year to get back out on the water! And what better way to say "Fidalgo Yacht Club is Back!" than to sport your FYC logo gear on the water, on the docks and at all locations that we visit?

Ship's Store has an inventory of reasonably priced caps, bags, license plate surrounds, vests, jackets and more in the clubhouse. Vests and jackets are in the closet near the Ship's Store. Help yourself, or I'll meet you there. Just put your money and article's description slip in a Treasurer's envelope and place it in the binder in the Ship's Store bookcase. As an incentive to new members who may not have had an opportunity to shop in our store we're offering a 20% discount on all in stock merchandise (except burgees) to all members who joined in 2020, 2021 and 2022. New members act now! Offer will be extended to all members April 1. When the inventory is gone, we'll be stocking a limited number of items. What would you like to buy?

Our online store is currently closed for re-pricing and re-merchandising. Watch for re-opening announcements in FYC email and on our Facebook page. We'll feature some popular items. If you don't see what you want, you'll find the link to our vendor's full site where you can choose your logo gear from their entire catalog!

There is only one Ship's Store worker bee. Want to help? It's fun, doesn't take much time, and you get to help people spend their money on FYC stuff! Best job in the club!

Sue Smith

Plans are underway for seven club cruises in 2022

We are headed to La Conner on March 18-20, 2022, our first Shake Down cruise for the new year. The team of Robbins, Smiths, Kelleys, and Lincolns are getting into the fun details of meals, activities, and great conversations for all who attend by boat, RV/ hotel, and vehicle of choice. Be sure to save these dates on your calendar right now! A separate flyer will be sent in February with details.

In addition to the March La Conner Shakedown Cruise, plans are underway for the following cruises:

April 8-10	Roche Harbor
May 13-15	Blaine – 2021 Past Commodore's Cruise
May 15-16	Sucia – Meetup with Anacortes Yacht Club
July 30-August 1	Victoria Symphony Splash (tentative)
September 30-October 2	Reid Harbor, Stuart Island – 2022 Past Commodore's Cruise
December	Lighted Boat Parade/Cruise (dates and location TBD)

Please remember that FYC cruises are subject to Washington State and Canadian Covid restrictions. If you have questions about the cruises, please call Kim or Steve Woodward.

**Photos from
January Dinner
Meeting**



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).

Our books through September are below.

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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Come Join Our One-Fathom Wine Club!

In January, this Club tasted its first merlots - 2018 Chateau Ste Michelle Indian Wells Columbia Valley and 2018 Francis Coppola Diamond Collection. Jerome provided a history on merlot grapes and how the movie "Sideways" impacted merlot and pinot noir wine sales. Everyone liked our WA wine with an average score of 17.4. The CA wine score average was 14 out of 20.

Dave and Joanne Wilshin will host the February 17 Zoom wine tasting of a Washington and an Argentinian Malbec. (Feb. 17, 2022, 5 p.m.)

The two Malbecs, both available at Safeway, will be:

Catena Argentinian Malbec, \$18.99 (\$23.99 Safeway non-member price)

Expedition Malbec Canoe Ridge Vineyard Horse Heaven Hills, \$11.99 (\$15.99 Safeway non-member price)

(Save extra by purchasing a six pack.)

Be sure to join this fun adventure! Please RSVP to joannewilshin@gmail.com by February 16, 2022.



FYC 2022 Host and Crew Schedule (As of Jan 24)

Date	Event	Hosts	Crew
January 1	Bar Night		Mimi Liem & Barbara Noda
January 8	Bar Night	Cancelled	
January 15	Nautical Trivia	Cancelled	
January 22	Bar Night	Wayne and Liz Weideman	
January 27	<i>Dinner Meeting</i>	Jan Larson & Karen Ryan	Milly Brown & Bob Salmons, Cheryl & Jim Portias, Amy Oliver (Bar)
January 29	Bar Night	Jerry & Jan Schutzler	
February 5	Bar Night	Tom Hopper & Janet Lien	
February 14	Valentines Dinner	Tom Hopper & Janet Lien	
February 19	Bar Night	Jim and Marlene Niehaus	
February 24	<i>Dinner Meeting</i>	TBD	Amy Oliver (Bar)
February 26	Bar Night	Rob & Barbara Hylton	
March 5	Bar Night	George Hamlin	
March 12	Soup Night	Carole Buffum & Ken Davis	Jerome & Mary Robbins (Bar), Jan & Jerry Schutzler
March 18-20	LaConner Cruise	Jerome & Mary Robbins	Mike & Virginia Kelley, Jim & Diana Lincoln, Al & Sue Smith
March 24	<i>Dinner Meeting</i>	TBD	Amy Oliver, (Bar)
March 26	Bar Night	Tom & Dianne Kuhn	
April 8-10	Roche Harbor Cruise	Wayne & Liz Weideman	
April 23	Bar Side Chat: Plotting and Pizza	Wayne & Liz Weideman (Plotting) Barbara Noda & Mimi Liem (Pizza)	
April 28	<i>Dinner Meeting</i>	Ann & Reid Meyers, Dianne Kuhn	Mona & George Hamlin, Shirley & Dave Vacanti
May 7	Fiesta Night	Fred & Robbin Young	Jim & Marlene Niehaus, Red & Ann Bennett
May 13	Past Commodore's Cruise to Blaine	Lee Patza & Pat Thompson	
May 15-16	Sucia Cruise	TBD	
May 21	Bar Side Chat: Knots and Eye Splicing	Wayne Weideman	
May 26	<i>Dinner Meeting</i>	Sondra & Skip Peters	Laura & Steve Snider, Mona & George Hamlin, Penny & Mark McCaughan
June TBD	Burgers at the Outstation	Tom & Lisa Wallace	Mary & Jerome Robbins
July TBD	Crab & Steak Night	Tom Hopper & Janet Lien	Robbins
July 30-August 1	Tentative: Victoria Splash Cruise	TBD	
August TBD	Hor d'oeuvres Party	Tentative: Barbee Cromack	

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August 25	<i>Dinner Meeting</i>	Lee Patza & Pat Thompson	Milly Brown & Bob Salmons
September TBD	Bar Side Chat (Topic)	Wayne & Liz Weideman	
September TBD	Photo Hunt (tentative)	Cindy Watt	
September 22	<i>Dinner Meeting</i>	TBD	
September 30- October 2	Past Commodore's Cruise to Stuart Island	Tom & Dianne Kuhn	
October TBD	Nautical Trivia Night	TBD	
October 27	<i>Annual Business Dinner Meeting</i>	TBD	
November 12	Zoom Wardrobe Reveal	Tom & Dianne Kuhn	
December TBD	White Elephant Party	Lee Patza & Pat Thompson	
December TBD	Lighted Boat Parade/Cruise	John & Colleen McIntyre	Photo Hunt