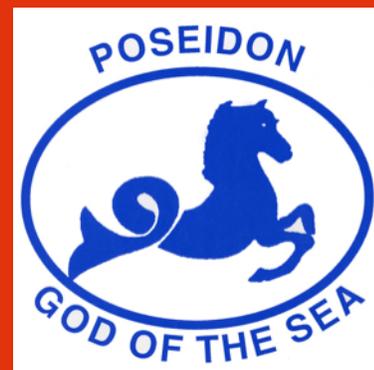




May 2022 Edition of the Poseidon

The Newsletter of the Fidalgo Yacht Club
Anacortes



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From the Commodore: Kathy Ramsay

Our club has done an outstanding job this past month (and previously) providing very useful information for boaters - both experienced and not. Barside Chats in various forms and locations are incredibly valuable tools for our boating members (kudos to Liz for setting these up):

A zoom tutorial on use of reciprocal mooring (in this case heading south) by Jerome Robbins.

A "man overboard" drill training session (many thanks to Wayne Weideman for being the man in distress!) while at Roche Harbor cruise.

A Pizza and Plotting bar education night for those getting ready to go out cruising. (Hope you get opportunities to meet up this summer on the water!)

Busy and fun times... It takes a lot of volunteers to make these events happen, and I am so grateful that people are stepping up.

The recruitment party was a great success. Having a specific group of attendees that are interested in boating the PNW waters yields great rewards. We've gotten four new memberships thus far as a direct result of this event! It takes a village to put together an event of this nature - so thanks to all of you. It is VERY much appreciated. I particularly enjoyed taking these potential members on a tour of our club and seeing it through their eyes. They are very impressed with our knowledge, friendliness and our BAR. Our bar was called "a piece of art" by many of the people touring. It truly IS gorgeous and you feel like you're on a ship!

From the photos I've seen, the Weidemans and team Aloha Cruise to Roche Harbor was amazing. The costumes, games, arts and crafts - it was ALL there! FUN!!! See the Cruising section of this Poseidon for exciting future events on the water.

We were prepared to enjoy another great monthly dinner meeting on April 28, but had to cancel that event and others for two weeks as a safety measure. Two members tested positive for Covid a couple of days after Pizza & Plotting. We will resume our activities with the May 7 Opening Day Skyline Dinghy Parade, followed by Fiesta Night at the club. You are welcome to wear masks at the club, socially distance and whatever else you need to feel comfortable. We continue to follow Gov. Inslee's guidelines for Washington State.

Enjoy this glorious weather both on and off the water!

Kathy Ramsay

Up Coming Events

Mark your calendars

5/4 10 AM Book Club. Zoom

5/7 Opening Day Dinghy
Parade

5/7 5 PM Fiesta

5/9 4 PM Bartender
Meeting

5/21 Barside Chat

5/26 5PM May Dinner
Meeting

Make online reservation
here.

From the Vice Commodore: John Buchanan

It is nice to be back in the cool NW, and see friends at the club functions. April had many successful events, although we were sorry to cancel the dinner. Many thanks to the Meyers, Dianne Kuhn and the team who did so much preparation.

The May dinner will be hosted by Skip and Sondra Peters and our speaker will be Anthony Zumpano. He's the Port Director for the Customs and Border Patrol and will be speaking on the subject of private vessel requirements. This should be an informative meeting and you don't want to miss it! See the flyer for more details.

There will be a Bartender Training class on May 9th at 4pm, conducted by our expert Red Bennett, for all current and prospective bartenders. Please come see how easy and rewarding it is to be an FYC Bartender!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the May events.

Welcome New Members!

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Dave and Mary Meisinger

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“From the Rear Commodore Team”

Rear Commodores Team Poseidon Article – May 2022

Our Club Rear Commodores Team held our meeting last week to review and confirm the “on-shore” at the Clubhouse Activities for the remainder of the year. These are social educational activities not to be mistaken for the monthly dinner meeting which is the Vice Commodore Team and the Cruise Events which are the Commodore Team.

Gee, in the first paragraph the word “Team” was used (3) times. You may be thinking Why? Because we all need to team-up to volunteer and enjoy the opportunity to help all members pitch in where and when they can to be part of a team coordinating an event. You will see the Rear Commodore Team Member names coordinating many of the events remaining this year and we hope many of you can help us when we call.

Here are the remaining events so mark you calendars now to join in on the fun!

5/7/22	Skyline Dinghy Parade	9/10/22	Photo Hunt
5/7/22	Fiesta Night	10/15/22	Nautical Trivia Night
5/21/22	Bar Chat: Knots & Eye Splicing	11/12/22	Zoom Wardrobe Reveal
6/25/22	Burgers at the Outstation	12/17/22	White Elephant Party
7/16/22	Crab & Steak Night	Dec.?	Lighted Boat Parade

Finally, the Rear Commodores Team bids a fond farewell to this year’s Activities Chairperson, Robbin Young, as she and Fred have set their compass heading towards their new residence in Tucson, AZ! Don’t forget the sunblock! We will miss you!

FYC Rear Commodores Team

Tom Kuhn, Tom Hopper, Tom Wallace, Bob Salmons, and Lee Patza

We will be holding the 2nd annual **Fidalgo Yacht Club Opening Day Parade** in the Skyline marina on Sat. May 7th starting at 12:00. We will meet in our dinghies by the fuel dock in Skyline and proceed to parade throughout the marina with bubbles, flags and balloons. This was a fun filled event last year, we're looking forward to another fun day. Bring the kids.

One-Fathom Wine Club Tasting

Another wine tasting was enjoyed by FYC members in April. Two Chenin Blanc were tasted. One from California – Pine Ridge Chenin Blanc-Viognier, this time a clear favorite, was rated at 16 out of 20. The other a Vouvray from France. It was semi-sweet and consequently did not fair as well in the ratings receiving only 12pts. Using wine as a good excuse to get together and socialize over zoom was, as always, an enjoyable time.

The wine club will take a break from meeting until next September. Jerome and Mary Robbins will host that get together and get us back into the swing of things. Please consider joining us then – no experience necessary!

RBAW Report for May (Summary of hybrid in person/Zoom meeting on April 7, 2022) submitted by Marshall Corson, FYC RBAW Delegate

Updated Depreciation Schedule for Calculating the Watercraft Excise Tax (WET) This year, for the first time since 2010, the WA State Department of Revenue (DoR) updated the formula for calculating the WET, that comprises a significant part of the annual renewal fee for state vessel registration. As a result of RBAW actions the original updated schedule for the coming year was slightly revised in favor of recreational boaters, though the revised schedule still unduly impacts boats owned 14 years or more. Adjustments were made to the schedule that resulted in a fairer depreciation percentage for vessels purchased over the last 10 years. RBAW filed a petition to counter the undue continued high places valued on older vessels. Unfortunately, the petition was rejected by the DoR, but there will be another opportunity later this year to re-petition for redress. Boat owners may review the revised schedule now in effect, at <https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=458-20-23801>. Based on the type of vessel, year and price of purchase, it is possible to calculate the WET that should be assessed with this year's vessel renewal, and some examples are given on this website.

Update on Final Disposition of 2022 Boat Related Bills

The Governor signed into law SB 5598 which redirects 25% of the WET that boaters pay, into the Derelict Vessel Removal Fund, which will amount to about \$7.5 million or more over a 2-year period. This was viewed as a step forward, given that a portion of fees that recreational boaters pay will now directly impact this boating-related expense for the State. A bill requiring kayakers, stand-up paddleboard riders and canoers to wear, not just carry, a personal flotation device while using their vessels, did not have sufficient support to advance to a House vote. RBAW had supported this narrowly crafted bill only because it was fine-tuned by the State Parks Advisory Council that spent months crafting the language, with an RBAW representative providing input to the Council.

A request for commitment of \$300,000 in the Governor's Supplemental Operating Budget was approved, for an educational 2-year outreach program on Lake Union to keep boaters from interfering with departing and landing Kenmore Air float planes. RBAW continues to work on partnering with other vested parties to administer these funds, likely with recruitment of individuals from neighboring boating facilities to act as guides for users in the area. It is hoped that this program can be initiated at some point this summer.

Update on Progress at LakeBay Marina

RBAW continues working with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to rehabilitate this site. Work is underway to remove derelict vessels and docks. The RBAW Marine Parks Conservancy continues to partner with the DNR for further site renewal but there remains a need for significant additional funding. Tax deductible contribution(s) are welcomed. See www.RBAW.org for more information.

A Boost for Vessel Pumpouts

Federal grant funds provided under the Clean Vessel Act Grant Program are administered in WA State by the Parks and Recreation Commission. These funds support the construction, renovation, operation and management of sewage disposal systems serving recreational boulders, as well as educational programs in proper disposal. Two grants of regional interest totaling approximately \$205,000 have been approved to enhance pumpout operation and maintenance within the Port of Port Townsend facilities.

Reminder regarding Change in Montlake DrawBridge opening

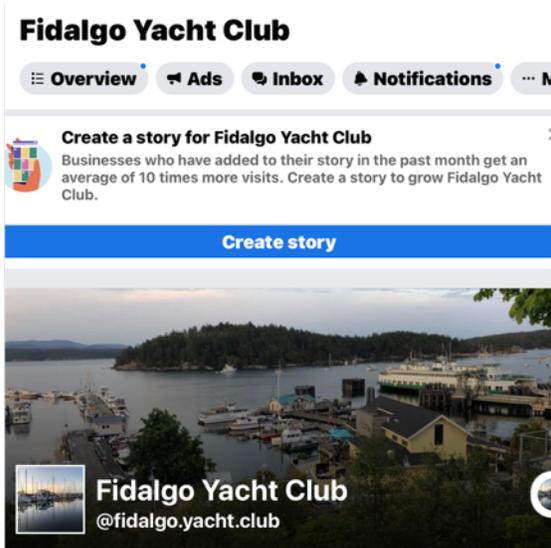
RBAW wishes to remind all boaters that the WA State DOT plans to perform repairs on the Montlake Bridge, that will necessitate opening of a single leaf ONLY, over the weekends when this work may be performed (May 20-23 OR June 3-6, 11 pm Friday through 5 AM Monday). This will likely cause delays for passage of smaller craft, and if dual-leaf is required due to vessel size this must be arranged 24 hours in advance (call 206-720-3048 or VHF channel 13). Further information can be found at:

<https://wsdot.wa.gov/construction-planning/search-projects/sr-513-montlake-bridge-mechanical-rehab-deck-replacement-joint-repair>

Next Meeting by Zoom scheduled on May 5, 2022

FYC SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS

There are three different FaceBook (FB) Pages that FYC members have access to both in public and private forums. The public FB page is FIDALGO YACHT CLUB, whereby general information on our club is made available to the public to help encourage awareness and membership in our club. The private pages for our members are FIDALGO YC and CCYC SIDNEY AND FYC ANACORTES. Both of the private pages are accessible only through an invite from another FYC member who is currently a member on that FB site. If you'd like to receive an invitation to either private page, please reach out to Lauren Corson, FYC FB Administrator, via FB or an email at laurencorson777@gmail.com to become an active member on each page. The FIDALGO YC page is a great way to stay active with other members and club activities with regular postings on upcoming events, birthdays, educational boating posts and beautiful photographs of our events and the sea. We hope that you'll join us in this fun format and forum. The CCYC SIDNEY AND FYC ANACORTES page is a forum with our sister club in Sidney, BC with whom in the past we had an annual cruise. Hopefully that'll continue in the coming years.



FYC SUNSHINE WISHES

FYC has a Sunshine Committee to bring extra cheer on various occasions to those with health challenges, bereavement notifications, celebratory wishes or just needing encouragement. A handwritten card on behalf of FYC is sent to the recipient from our Sunshine Lady, Lauren Corson. Please email Lauren at laurencorson777@gmail.com with any sunshine requests.



Threads and Yarns

Threads & Yarns gatherings will be taking a spring/summer break starting in May. We will return to gathering on Wednesday afternoons at the clubhouse in October. In the meantime, special thanks to Barb for all her help and encouragement as many of us worked on a fish quilted table runner. Beginning and experienced sewers enjoyed this project! We look forward to summer craft projects to be completed on a boat, RV, or maybe while visiting family and friends. We'll share these projects upon our return!

Happy crafting, Barb Hylton and Mary Robbins

April Cruise Recap

The April Aloha Cruise to Roche Harbor started out with a rescue! The Kuhn's engine died as they entered the choppy Rosario Strait, but never fear, the Kaufholds towed them into calmer water, tied alongside, and took them back to Skyline Marina to be fixed. Kudos to the Kaufholds for looking out for other FYC members and having the equipment to safely tow them! I guess that this is another one of the perks of belonging to a club like ours! Now more about the cruise.

We had 16 boats and one couple in a hotel. Everyone participated in the theme with lots of floral outfits, leis, and a Blue Hawaiian welcome drink thanks to Tom Hopper! We enjoyed Hawaiian music and lots of Hawaiian food like Loco Moco and Kalua Pork. On Saturday we had afternoon games and man overboard drills using equipment on member's boats. Everyone was given a tiki making kit to be turned in at Saturday's dinner. The tikis were amazing. A few of them even came with a story!

The weather was sunny with some clouds and sprinkles (this is the PNW). It was cold in the evenings, but everyone still came dressed as tacky tourists on Saturday. I am not sure if the other people on the dock thought that we had lost our minds!

We had fun and hoped that everyone else did too! Mahalo for coming and participating in our Aloha Cruise! And a GIANT mahalo to the McWilliams and Addisons for all of their hard work as crew!

Book Club News

NOTE: FYC's Book Club will be on vacation June – July.

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., at the clubhouse, your Book Club Day. We would love to have you join us and partake in our always-fascinating conversation surrounding each book's themes.

NOTE: FYC's Book Club will be on vacation June – August. It will resume in September.

May 4

The Night Watchman by Louise Erdrich

September 7

Eleanor by David Michaelis

October 5

The Book of Longings by Sue Monk Kidd

November 2

Half the Sky

by Nicholas Kristoff and Sheryl WuDunn

December 7

The Last Thing He Told Me by Laura Dave



Roche Harbor Cruise - Fun



Reminder: Changes to the 2022 Cruising Schedule

FYC members have enjoyed two club cruises so far this year in La Conner and Roche Harbor. We hope more members plan to join us on several other cruises in 2022. Please note the following changes to our cruising schedule:

1. The May **Blaine Cruise** is rescheduled for Aug. 19-21. Lee Patza needs time to replace some crew members who are unable to attend on the original May weekend. It will still be a joint RV and boat cruise. Hopefully crabbing season will be open, and reports say that crabbing is great just outside of Blaine Harbor.
2. The **Sucia Cruise** is now a "casual cruise" with expanded dates of May 13-16. Beat the summer crowds and head to Echo Bay for some fun and relaxation. You can meet up with other FYC members to hike, explore the shoreline by dinghy or kayak, or enjoy an onshore picnic with friends. We also will have the opportunity to join AYC members in doing trail maintenance. If you'd like to join the effort, just bring your gloves and appropriate shoes. To close the weekend, there will be an informal dinner with Anacortes Yacht Club on Sunday evening. And there will be take-aways for a Monday breakfast. No reservations are required, but please contact our coordinators **Tom or Dianne Kuhn** if you plan to attend the Sunday dinner so they have an accurate dinner count.
3. The **Victoria Symphony Splash** (July 30-Aug. 1) is removed from the schedule because there is no commitment to hold the event. If you still want to learn if the symphony will conduct a Splash, you can monitor the Victoria Symphony website ([Home - Victoria Symphony](#)) and attend individually or with friends. Please be aware that the Greater Victoria Harbor reports that dock space is filling up quickly.

Happy cruising.

Reminder: Online Ship's Store is OPEN!

Shop now for your summer boating attire! Follow this [Ship's Store](#) link for quick access or find us on the member side of the FYC website.



Click on the Ship's Store icon. Read about our online store and our provider T-Shirts by Design in Anacortes, and then click through to see our fresh collection of t-shirts, ¼ zips, hoodies, vests, jackets, caps and bags.

[Go to T-Shirts by Design Order Page](#)

Ordering is super easy, and you can choose to pick up your orders or have them shipped to your home. I already have my new FYC t-shirt for our summer cruising. How about you?

And remember, ALL members can take 20% off Ship's Store items (excluding burgees) in the clubhouse.

Let's go shopping to show our FYC spirit!

Sue Smith and Virginia Kelley



Kick off summer with some south of the border flavor

Saturday May 7



We'll start serving \$5 margaritas at 5:00pm

Our fabulous fiesta feast begins at 6:00pm featuring:

Enchillada Casserole, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, and Coconut Macaroons

Reservations by April 27th \$12.00 per person

Dinner Team: Fred and Robbin Young, Jim and Marlene Niehaus, and Red and Ann Bennett

Members Name: _____ Guest Names: _____

Number attending: ____@ \$12.00 Total: _____

Please return with check payable to FYC to Marlene Niehaus, 12528 Whitecap Lane, Anacortes, WA 98221

Or pay on our website in the Fliers, Members Only area.



Fidalgo Yacht Club

May Dinner Meeting

Thursday, May 26 2022

Bar Opens at 5:00pm

Dinner at 6:30pm

Menu: Texas Barbecue Catered by Kelley's BBQ



Price: \$20.00 per person



**Presentation by Anthony Zumpano,
Port Director of Customs and Border Patrol**

Crew: Sondra & Skip Peters, Penny & Mark McCaughn,
Mona & George Hamlin, Cheryl & Jim Poitras

Register by May 15

Questions? Call Sondra Peters 360-271-3845



May Dinner Meeting

Name(s) of member(s) attending _____

Guest names (if bringing guests) _____

Number attending _____ @ \$20 each = \$ _____

Please mail the bottom part with a check **payable to FYC** to:
George Hamlin 4905 Macbeth Dr. Anacortes, WA 98221

Or pay online on our website in the [Members Only Area](#)



FIDALGO YACHT CLUB

Educational Barside Chat

Sharing Knowledge Between Members and Friends

Save the Date: May 21st ~ Basic Knots & Splicing

3:30-5:00 @ FYC Clubhouse



Sign-up (no cost) for a provided kit.



Basic Knots & Splices

Please don't be late as we'll starting the chat promptly at 3:30 PM on Saturday, **May 21st**, at the clubhouse. We'll learn, practice, and talk about some *basic knots, hitches, and bends*. Do you know the difference?

With line from your provided kit, I'll show some basic *knots*, (like variations of the bowline), *hitches* to attach a line to something else (cleat, clove, cow, etc.), and *bends* to fix two lines together (sheet bend, reef bend). We're talking basic, easy to learn, but useful techniques. I'll show you how to make *basic* line splices in three-strand and hollow-core line; Again, nothing too fancy. And, with enough time, we'll whip-finish the end of a line to keep it from unravelling.

We'll talk about and show examples of methods to hang fenders from boat rails, docking with cleats or bull rails, and other nautical line-work.

So that I don't have to guess on the number of kits to make, please return the attached form or let Wayne know (wlweideman@comcast.net) that you'll be there.

As with all the Barside Chats, everyone is encouraged to come share knowledge, ask questions, and probably learn a new trick or two.



Sign-up for the MAY 21st **Basic Knots and Splices** Barside Chat
(Please return by May 18th)

Attending: (____) Names: _____

Return to: Wayne Weideman, 3165 Biz Point Road, Anacortes, WA 98221
Or email to wlweideman@comcast.net



Fidalgo Yacht Club Blaine Cruise and RV Cruise Rev. 1

Aug. 17-19, 2022 Blaine Harbor Marina
Blaine, Washington



Blaine Harbor Office 360-647-6176
235 Marine Drive 360-303-7110 (Night)
Blaine, WA 98230
Check in: 1 PM - Check out: 12 PM

Oh, Boy! Italian Food!

Let's Eat! MMMMMM...



We want to do this year as you remember it was COVID postponed last year twice!!! Join Pat Thompson and Lee Patza for a trip north to the border (within 1/2 mile) between the U.S. and Canada. Please contact Lee or Pat to help them determine a count of possible boaters and RV'ers that may be attending.

Following afternoon arrival, enjoy a relaxing Happy Hour(s) on Friday, Aug 19th, on the docks at Blaine Harbor - boat & RV hopping, cocktailing, and sharing hors 'd oeuvres. Dinner is on your own, or maybe with friends at a local restaurant? Get to know the little town of Blaine.

RV campers will enjoy exclusive parking in Blaine Marine Park, across the street from the marina's entrance to the visitors dock. It's dry camping, no hookups, but all our members will be in close proximity. We have permit for up to 8 Vans. Easy access for all!

The Blaine Plaza Outdoor Art and Farm Market is open Saturday from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Then, we will have Optional Taste of Blaine short walk starting at 2:30 pm to (4) stops including Rustic Fork (Bruschetta Bread), Drayton Harbor Oysters (Grilled Oyster), Bordertown Mexican Grill (Fish Taco) and Edaleen Dairy (ice cream cone). Back in time for Happy Hour, followed by a catered spaghetti dinner at the Marine Community Center with all the trimmings from the Rustic Fork. BYOB, but be ready for a surprise dessert.

On Sunday, a bagged breakfast will fuel you, as you depart for fall adventures!

Slip Fees: \$1.10 per foot, power \$5/day extra. We'll make your reservation for you!

RV fees: \$10.00 a night. Slots are limited to 8 RVs, so sign up early!

Taste of Blaine walk on Saturday is \$12/person extra

The anticipated cost will be approximately \$20/person for the spaghetti dinner, \$12/person for the Taste of Blaine Walk, \$10/night if you're in your RV camper and if you're boating in, the slip fees for the length of your boat.

****The Important Part – Don't Send Any Money Now- Do This! Contact Lee By Friday May 15th To Tell Him if You Would Be Interested in Attending and Vehicle (Boat or RV). There is some concern on interest level because of previous cancellations and your cruising plans. Lee has commitment from Blaine for a go.... Final Plans will be Made and Communicated by June 1st and hopefully if all a go, payment requested by Aug. 1st**

**Lee Patza, 3401 Shelly Hill Rd, Mt Vernon, WA 98274
Call Lee at 414-460-6456 for questions. Email: lpatza21@gmail.com**