

The Poseidon



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From The Commodore



The Harvest Moon, Solstice, and the sun setting before 7pm all mean that fall is in the air. With the coming of fall, club activities shift from on the water fun to indoor socializing. Check the Poseidon for the upcoming Oktoberfest, bar nights, Seahawk watch parties and our dinner meetings. So many opportunities to gather and enjoy time with your club friends. Great opportunities for volunteering too!

Coming Events

Bar Nights:

Saturdays at 5pm

Birthday Bar Oct 12

Bar closed Oct 26

Threads&Yarns Every

Wed 1pm

One Fathom Oct 3 5:30

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Oktoberfest Oct 19 5 pm

Seahawks Sundays

Oct 6 1 pm

Oct 20 9:30 am

Dinner Business Meeting

October 24 5 pm



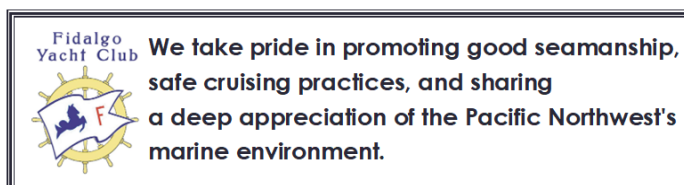
I call your attention to our October 24th dinner meeting. Plan to attend and help us meet our quorum so we can vote in our 2025 Board and Bridge and approve our 2025 Budget. Watch your email for the proposed 2025 Budget for your review before the meeting.

Many thanks to all of the members who volunteered in September. You're the glue that holds us together.

And be sure to check out the Ship's Store. New vendor,, new items, easy ordering. I can't wait to see what Mary Larson and Lisa Paul have in store.

Getting ready for FYC sweatshirt weather,

Commodore Al





From the Vice Commodore



As many of you are aware, we have been in Croatia and Italy for the past few weeks. To make a long story short – it's beautiful, friendly, English is common, you have to ask for ironing boards in hotels, and you don't have to tip.

I have been working on next year's budget and it will be similar to last year's, with a few minor changes. We still do not have the new lease for the club but have built in assumptions on what that will look like. The budget will be presented at the Sept meeting.

I have been looking over next month's calendar and it is packed with great activities - One Fathom Wine Tasting, Seahawk Sundays at the club, Threads & Yarns, and of course - Saturday bar nights. I see there is also an Oktoberfest event coming up on the 19th – really looking forward to that!

I would like to get a feel from the club on the following idea: October weather can be a bit dicey and it is hard to have a cruise with a definite "go date". To address this I would like to try a "Come as you are, 2-3 days notice, weekdays only, casual cruise" to Friday Harbor. The idea is to pick out the best weather days, avoid scheduled club activities, and go for it. Please let me know if you would be interested in this type of activity.

While in Florence we went to the Uffizi Museum, a huge place with statues, paintings, and other interesting things. I happened across the following statue:

Nereid on a seahorse



I always wondered where that seahorse on our burgee came from!

Mike Kelley

Vice Commodore



From the Rear Commodore



As I tighten up my dock lines for anticipated fall breezes I'm reminded that dressing warmer isn't the only thing to plan for with the changing of the season. We have some activities planned for this month at the club and I think I'll start with a bar night at FYC on the 5th with Jerome and Mary Robbins, followed by a Seahawk game against the Giants on the 6th. Threads and Yarns will gather on Wednesday the 9th and again each Wednesday thru the month. Next up let's celebrate October birthdays on October 12th with Ken Davis and Carole Buffum, and then our special event Octoberfest on the 19th so break out the Lederhosen and come join us. I'm looking forward to Brats with all the trimmings, along with dessert and a bevy of beers to choose from and all hosted by Tom & Dianne Kuhn and crew. That should be fun! On Sunday the 20th at 10 AM will be a Seahawk game with the Atlanta Falcons. Let's bring the spirit and root them on! Go Hawks! Now.....what to wear for Halloween???

Eric Addison

Rear Commodore



Candidates for FYC Board Positions

As required by the FYC Bylaws, a Nominating Committee shall compile a slate of candidates for the Club Officers and Directors and one Alternate Director. The list of candidates shall be published in the October issue of the Poseidon and elected at the Annual Meeting in October.

The Committee has selected the following members to join the 2025 Board of Directors:

Jim Lincoln - Rear Commodore

Terry Kottwitz - Secretary

Jenny Nelson - Treasurer

Bill Epler

Bob Lewis

Jim Poitras

Red Bennett - Alternate

Continuing members from the current board will be:

Alan Smith - Immediate Past Commodore

Mike Kelly - Commodore

Eric Addison - Vice Commodore

Larry Vaughn

Susan McWilliams

Bob Salmons

I want to thank both new and existing members for their participation in steering FYC ahead next year!

John Buchanan

Chairman, Nominating Committee

PAST EVENTS

Past Commodore's Cruise

Ten boats and 20 members attended the annual Past Commodore's cruise in late September to Deer Harbor. We had beautiful weather on Friday and Saturday, with warm sun and calm winds. A nice treat for this time of year!

Friday evening we gathered on the party barge for pot luck, and Saturday dinner was on the deck at Matthew's Smokehouse. The brisket was delicious and plentiful!

Breakfast Saturday was the famous omelette in a bag, and lunch was fresh caught crab! The facilities and staff at the marina were excellent and at \$1/foot/night, this was a bargain.

I would like to thank Jan, Marlene and Jim, Tom and Janet, and Kim for their help in making this a successful cruise! Buying, preparing, and serving the food; catching, cleaning and cooking the crab, and helping with setting things up was a huge help. Thank you also to all the other members who came out for the cruise and made this a fun event!

John Buchanan
Past Commodore

Poseidon



The next issue will come out November 1 and will be a combined November/December issue. **The deadline for the Nov/Dec edition is October 25th at 5 pm.**

Lisa Paul
Editor

COMING EVENTS

Special Activities Calendar - Save These Dates

Fourth Quarter Special Events

Pull out your calendars, circle the dates and join us for the following creative events in October, November and December.

Oktoberfest – October 19th featuring brats with sauerkraut, pierogies, tossed salad and German Chocolate Cake (with coconut frosting) for dessert. Plus pretzels of course!

Festiva Europa – November 9th with fun food booths from four countries – Greece, Sweden, Germany and Italy. Come and sample specialties from each country and give your taste buds a treat!

Return of the White Elephant – December 14th with an opportunity to bring that “special” gift that will bring a chuckle and a tear to the eye! Trading is the best part --- you’re never sure what you’re going to take home!

Check the *Poseidon* monthly for flyers and registration information. We look forward to seeing you!

Dianne Kuhn , Special Events Coordinator

*If you want to help with any of the events, just give me a call.



NEWS

Dredging in Swinomish Channel Underway



The Swinomish Channel is a federal navigation channel located between the eastern shore of Fidalgo Island and the mainland at the western edge of Skagit County. The 11-mile long, 100-foot-wide channel connects Skagit Bay in the south with Padilla Bay in the north. The channel is dredged by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers every four to six years to ensure safe navigation.

The Army Corps of Engineers last dredged the Swinomish Channel in 2018. Boaters in recent years have noticed shallow spots that have built up due to silt deposits from the Skagit River and have been more reluctant to use the Swinomish Channel passage. Silting seems to occur in the same locations each year, namely, west of Goat Island; at a shoal near Shelter Bay; midway along the La Conner waterfront; just south of the highway bridges; and opposite buoy 29 north of the railroad swing bridge as shown on the map in the *Waggoner Cruising Guide*, page 155 in the 2024 edition.

Boaters can now breath more easily, thanks to dredging taking place by American Construction Co. Inc., of Tacoma, Washington, the contractor chosen by the Army Corps of Engineers. Dredging of the Swinomish Channel began in early September and will continue until mid-February 2025. **The Swinomish Channel WILL remain open during dredging operations.** Dredging started at the south entrance and will continue at Hole-in-the Wall, and Rainbow Bridge areas, then northward to dredge the north entrance. Dredging in the designated reaches will be to 12 feet MLLW.

Approximately 150,000 cubic yards of accumulated sediment will be removed using a mechanical clamshell dredge, a bucket-shaped dredging tool resembling a clamshell that scoops material from the bottom of a waterway. All in-water work is scheduled during a “fish window,” when dredging work poses the lowest risk to fish species and habitat. The dredged material will be deposited at the Rosario Strait open-water disposal site transported by scows.

Dredging work will run 24 hours, six days a week with all in-water work to be completed no later than February 15, 2025. The federal navigation Swinomish Channel WILL remain open for waterway users during dredging operations, but mariners are advised to slow down, reduce wake, and maintain a safe distance from all dredging equipment.

Noise during dredging will be minimal but can be amplified and travel a long distance over water. For questions or concerns, contact Nicole L. Celestine with the Army Corps of Engineers at 206-554-1894 or email Nicole.l.celestine@usace.army.mil

Boaters should keep in mind that current can run swiftly through the Swinomish Channel.

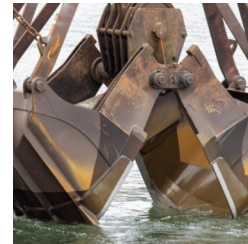


MORE NEWS



Boaters should check tide and current guide information before transiting. A helpful chart showing the current cycles in the Swinomish Channel can be found on page 155 of the 2024 *Waggoner Cruising Guide*. Boaters should also note the Red, Right, Returning buoyage system rule changes mid-way at the town of La Conner. When south of town, “return” is from the south and red will be to your starboard. At La Conner, the buoyage system changes, so green will be to your starboard as you travel northward and into Padilla Bay – north of La Conner, “return” is from the north.

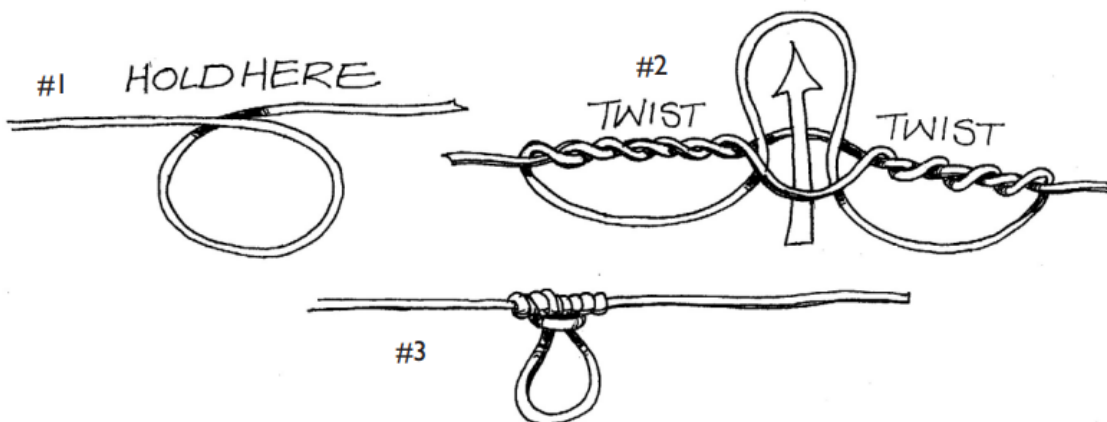
Lorena & Leonard Landon
WAGGONER GUIDE



From The Vault—Why Knot?

I am starting a new, occasional column called “From The Vault.” Our FYC website contains so much information and many helpful boating ideas, that it warrants dredging some up occasionally to share with newer members. This month I took the following segment from “Wayne Weideman’s Fishing and Gathering Talks” on “Basic Knots.”

IN-LINE DROPPER – This allows you to make a loop in the middle of your line to attach a hook or other rig. Fold the line back over itself to make a loop, and then twist the two overlapping line sections four or five times. Pull the loop through this center twist. Pull tight.



Boat Hacks

SPECIAL INTERESTS

Threads & Yarns

WE'RE BACK!!!

Threads & Yarns is gathering again on Wednesday, October 2nd, 1-3 pm and every Wednesday afternoon until the holidays. Come bring your crafts worked on over the summer and so far this fall. We have lots of ideas for new projects or can help you with your own projects. Anyone crafty or not so crafty are invited to join us, even if you just come for the conversations! We hope that you will join us. Check our group information under the FYC Members Only area, more pictures are coming soon!

Barb Hylton & Mary Robbins

One Fathom Wine Club

Wine tasting is back and the Hamlins are kicking off this season with two Pinot Noirs from La Cream - One from Willamette Valley Oregon and one from the Sonoma Coast California.

The grapes for each have very different climate and terroir, so join us to try to tell the difference.

The Zoom meeting is scheduled at 5:30pm on 10/3/2024.

Please let the Hamlins know by email if you wish to attend:

George and Mona Hamlin

Ship's Store



We're excited to announce that we have a new Ship's Store Vendor: Printix, a family-owned company in the Tacoma area. We will have a few samples of gear and on-the-spot ordering available at our business meeting dinner on October 24th. With the holiday season fast upon us, it might be time to start thinking about those holiday gifts.

We will also have our "fall sale" - merchandise from our prior vendor will be offered at discounts you won't want to miss.

Also, we received a lot of positive comments about the Red Rooster Ranch "FYC Blend" coffee we offered at our last club dinner, so we will have it available again for sale at our October-dinner meeting. \$6 half pound, \$12 full pound. Regular and decaf will be available. You can order ahead by emailing Lisa.

So bring your cash or checks and find something you can't live without!

Mary Larson and Lisa Paul

