

The Poseidon



2024 Nov/Dec Issue

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From The Commodore



Coming Events

Bar Nights: Sat's 5 pm:
11/2, 11/16, 11/23 (B'day
Bar Night)

Bar Closed 11/30, 12/21,
12/28

Threads&Yarns Every
Wed 1pm

One Fathom 11/7
5:30 pm

Festival Europa 11/9 5 p

**Brainstorming Event &
Bar Night** 11/16 4 pm

Board Meeting 12/4 5p

Change of Watch
12/7 4 pm

Decorating FYC 12/9
10 am

White Elephant Party
12/14 5 pm

Seahawks Sundays
11/3 1 pm 11/17 12:30 p
12/1 9:30a, 12/8 12:30p

The finish line is in sight for me, but you know it doesn't end there. Our Past Commodores have been so helpful to me, offering wisdom, advice and reminders of best practices and club traditions. I can't thank you enough, and I look forward to joining your ranks, offering support to the upcoming Bridges when asked. I will also head up the search committee for the 2026 open Board and Bridge positions. Your new Bridge and Board are comprised of very energized and talented individuals who will successfully keep the club headed in the right direction.

I am writing this before our October 24th Business meeting. I am confident that our budget has been approved and our new Flag Officers and Board positions have been ratified. And I'm sure that our dinner was delicious and the conversation flowed.

We still have several fun activities before the end of the year. Please put December 7th on your calendar for the traditional Change of Watch Ceremony. It is so impressive and meaningful for all members.

The White Elephant Gift Exchange is Dec 14th. It's always a laugh, so find those unusual gifts to make this a night to remember.

This is the last Poseidon of my Commodore year. I thank each of you for making my past two years so enjoyable. I thank all members for stepping up when called to help with all the club activities. I also want to thank the members reaching out to new members to make them feel welcome.

Looking back over this year, the growing number of volunteers stands out to me. I don't think you're doing it just because of the incentive of winning a free dinner. I hope it's because you've found that saying "yes" has brought you a strong feeling of connection to the club, and realizing that we're a family, here for you. All of you, doing your share, have brought FYC back from COVID times and positioned us well for a healthy future.

So, this Commodore is signing off. It has been an absolute honor and pleasure to serve the Club. What a wonderful group of folks, thank you.

Oh, and a final shout out to Jerome and Mary Robbins, friends from



our previous club, who invited us to our first FYC meeting. And look what happened!

Have wonderful holidays with friends and family.

Stay safe.

Alan Smith
Commodore



From the Vice Commodore



This month's Poseidon will be the last of the year.

Red was approached by a member regarding the rain gutters on the south side of the building, I contacted Tim Starkovitch and he will take a look.

Eric told me about an accident with the propane grill, the hose was not correctly attached to the propane tank and it started on fire. Nobody was harmed but we need to emphasize safety checks for grill operators. The fire damaged the

tank connector and it is being replaced.

We will need some signage about proper use of the propane grill.

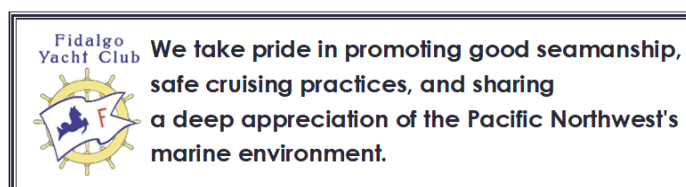
Red is procuring a better gauge outdoor extension cord for the Outstation, the one we have is underrated for the current draw.

I have been talking with Julia (our bar steward) about income/expenses. It appears we are being somewhat inconsistent in pouring both liquor and wine. Some people tend to over-pour.

We will be letting bartenders know that a wine pour should be 6 oz (4 servings/bottle) and liquor should be 1.5oz (16 servings/bottle). Bartenders will be asked to always use a shot glass when pouring liquor.

Mike Kelley

Vice Commodore





From the Rear Commodore



With Halloween behind us, it's time to retire the Spiderman costume for another year and look forward to the different activities available to us at FYC coming up at the clubhouse. We have two Seahawk games in November (LA Rams on 11/03, and San Francisco 49ers on 11/17), and two games in December (NY Jets on 12/01, and Arizona Cardinals on 12/08). We also have Threads & Yarns on many Wednesdays at 1 PM, (11/06,11/13, 11/20,12/04 and12/11).

We have a very special event scheduled on November 9th titled "Festival Europa" led by Skip & Sondra Peters & team. You will have an opportunity to enjoy a multitude of delicious offerings from Italy - Germany - Greece - and Sweden. Let's save you the airfare to sample these cuisines. This wonderful event should not be missed so don't miss out. The closing deadline is coming up quickly on November 5th, so sign up today!

On Saturday 11/16 come join us at 4 PM with an early opening of bar night for the 2025 Calendar Brainstorming and Planning Event. This will give you the opportunity to hear or give ideas of what you might like to see for 2025 of any of our club sponsored events. We would love to hear from you.

Coming in December will be our Change of Watch ceremony on December 7th at the club house. We will have much more information about this in the weeks ahead.

On Saturday, December 14th will be the "Return of the White Elephant Gift Exchange". As in the past, we look forward to seeing the many unusual or impractical gifts that are meant to entertain. If you haven't found something yet then keep looking. Some time ago my family had a special item that was intended to be regifted to another family member at a future date. This was a special piece of fine art, or so we were led to believe. Well, that was a stretch.

It was actually a 4 foot sculpture carved in teak of a lightly clothed South Pacific island girl that could make even the saltiest of sailors blush. As fine art goes, it was not something I chose to display openly in my home, and I looked forward for an opportunity to pass it on. This was knowing full well that at some point it would once again be returned to me by another family member. I carefully wrapped it with the full knowledge that there was no way to camouflage what lay beneath the birthday paper. I also didn't realize that when it was gifted to one of my sisters that she was overjoyed to receive it and would proudly display it prominently in her home for all to enjoy and never to be regifted again. Art is truly in the eye of the beholder my friend. Who knew?

Eric Addison

Rear Commodore

Welcome New Members

Larry and Tina Collings

Jay and Deborah Butler



Poseidon



The next issue will come out January 1. **The deadline for the January edition is a little early, December 23rd at 5 pm, since your editor will be out of the country and trying to do the Poseidon in some café somewhere.** Happy Holidays everyone!

Lisa Paul

Editor

Recipe Alert

So many people asked for Pat Thompson's Broccoli Salad and Apple Crisp recipes from the October business dinner, we decided to print them in the Poseidon. So here they are— Bon Appetit

Apple Crisp

6 medium apples, peeled, cored and sliced, a mixture of types

1 TB lemon juice

2/3 cup of brown sugar, packed

½ cup flour

½ cup rolled oats

¾ tsp cinnamon

¾ tsp nutmeg

1/3 cup butter

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Place sliced apples in a greased pan with lemon juice. Blend the remaining ingredients until the mixture is crumbly. Spread over apples. Bake until apples are tender and the topping is golden brown, about 35 minutes.

Broccoli Salad

Makes 8 cups, serves 10

Ingredients

1 pound broccoli [5-6 cups]

cut into small pieces

2/3 cup dried cranberries

½ cup crumbled bacon

½ cup chopped red onion

½ cup chopped peanuts

Dressing

¾ cup mayo

¼ cup sour cream

1 ½ TB white wine vinegar

3 TB sugar

¼ tsp each salt and pepper

Combine the ingredients in a large bowl. In a separate small bowl whisk together the dressing ingredients until smooth and pour over the broccoli mixture and mix well. Chill for at least an hour, stirring again before serving.

Pat Thompson

COMING EVENTS

Dianne Kuhn's Page!

Change of Watch Ceremony

4:00 PM

Saturday, December 7th

Every year on the first weekend in December we gather to celebrate the new Bridge and Board and mark the transition with a “Change of Watch” ceremony. It is also an opportunity to thank the Past Commodore and retiring board for their service. This year’s event is scheduled for **December 7th at 4:00 PM at the Clubhouse**. Your hosts will move among the tables serving hearty appetizers at the close of the brief ceremony. There is no charge for the event, but we would like to know how many are attending so that we might have sufficient food!

Prior to the Pandemic we had traditionally held a Commodore’s Ball – shifted to this more informal event --- and everyone enjoyed the change so much, we made it the new “normal”. After the ceremony, the event evolves into a bar night. Please join us!

Contact Dianne Kuhn if you plan to attend.

Dianne Kuhn

Come join us in readying the Clubhouse for the holidays!

We’ll be pulling the tree down from the attic and bringing the ornaments out of their boxes – plus we’ll have coffee and goodies for all. Come and join in on the fun: **Monday, December 9th at 10:00 AM**. See you there!

We have traditionally decorated the windows with personal collections. If you’d like to reserve a window, contact *Dianne Kuhn*



COMING EVENTS

Special Activities Calendar - Save These Dates

We have a dynamite schedule for November and December, following up on our highly successful Oktoberfest celebration.

Circle **November 9th** on your calendar and join us for *Festival Europa*. You'll enjoy a variety of tasty treats from Italy, Germany, Greece and Sweden. Your crew has pulled out all the stops and will be featuring savory delights, including (but not limited to) Beef Souvlaki Kebabs, Swedish Meatballs, Puff Pastry Sausage Rolls, Caprese on a Stick, regional cheeses, topping it off with desserts from each country. The bar will feature wine and beer from Europe.

Register now!



December 14th will see *The Return of the White Elephant!* For those of you not acquainted with White Elephant festivities, here's a quick explanation.

“A white elephant gift exchange is a party game where amusing and impractical gifts are exchanged during festivities. The goal of a white elephant gift exchange is to entertain rather than to give or acquire a genuinely valuable or highly sought item.”

Start looking for that special item --- something to bring a ring of laughter or a tear to the eye. And if someone unwraps something you can't live without, you have an opportunity to swap for it. We've certainly had some fun items in the past. **More details to follow!**

We hope you will join us for these Special Events.

*Dianne Kuhn, Special Events Coordinator**



NEWS

Call for Volunteers

Dinner Host Volunteers

Since this is our last 2024 Poseidon, I'd like to invite you to volunteer to host a Dinner meeting in 2025. Dinners are a vital part of the income for the club to help meet FYC expenses. Hosting is a great way to give back to your club and work together with other members to get to know one another better. There is no doubt it is work, but we have procedures, checklists, menus, recipes, and best of all mentors to help. (Sometimes even cooks!) I am always available by phone if I cannot be there, and I'm willing to help with any paperwork.

Sign up now to get your favorite date reserved!

January 23 - Rob and Barb Hylton will host

February 27

March 27

April 24 - Mark Roe and Lisa Paul will host

May 22

August 28

September 25

Annual Business Meeting: October 23



Kim Adams

Speaker Suggestions Please

The Speaker Committee would like to hear from you. We are scheduling dinner speakers/topics for 2025. Who would you like to include?

Speaker/topic: _____

Contact information: _____

Please send your suggestions to Tom Kuhn.

Thanks for your input.

Your Speaker Committee:

Tom Kuhn

Red Bennett

Mark McCaughan

SPECIAL INTERESTS

Threads & Yarns



Threads and Yarns is a friendly no host studio-style work space at the clubhouse each week on Wednesdays. People work on personal projects. Even though we have boating in common most of our projects are for our homes or family and friends. We provide tables, extension cords, iron, and encouragement. Bring your project, including a sewing machine and supplies or knitting, crochet, card making, mending, etc. We inspire each other and sometimes when there is enthusiasm for a particular project a member will help the rest of us in a mini class.

All are welcome and hopefully you will stop by with your creative endeavors or just to visit. Newer members are encouraged to stop by and check out this gathering. No registration or commitment. Bring your gate code as we don't leave it open for this activity. Also, check the calendar around the holidays to confirm our meeting.

If you want to be on the Threads and Yarns email list, let Barbara Hylton know.
Cheers,

Barb Hylton and Mary Robbins

One Fathom Wine Club



FYC Members,

The One Fathom Wine Club will continue its tastings on Thursday, Nov. 7 with two Zinfandel wines:

- 1) Seghesio 2022 Zinfandel, Sonoma County. Available at Safeway for \$22.49 (six-pack price); and
- 2) 2) St. Francis 2021 Old Vines Zinfandel, Sonoma County. Available at Safeway for \$17.99 (six-pack price)

Zinfandel wines are often enjoyed with grilled, roasted or braised meats as well as spicy foods and smoked cheeses, which makes them a perfect complement to your winter dinner table.

The Zoom meeting is scheduled at 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 7. All FYC members are welcome to join the tasting.

Please RSVP by email if you wish to attend

Kim and Steve Woodward

Ship's Store



We previewed some FYC gear at the October dinner from our new vendor Printix, and got a good reception with many orders placed. The items ordered should be available at the Nov. 9 Festival Europa. If you ordered something and won't be at that event, Lisa will arrange to get you your merchandise.

Our delicious FYC BLEND coffee will be available again at the Nov. 9 event. We have taken several pre-orders, so contact Lisa at lakeshoo@msn.com if you want some, to make sure we have enough. Prices: \$12 pound, \$6 half pound. It can be regular roast or decaf.

Mary Larson and Lisa Paul