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Fidalgo Yacht Club's Newsletter
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From The Commodore

As your Commodore and a certified member of "YOU CAN NEVER HAVE TOO MUCH FUN CLUB," the cruising season of 2026 so far has not disappointed.

Each month has brought a boatload of memories and adventures. So far, we have traveled north to the Canadian Gulf Islands, south to various ports of call in Central and Southern Puget Sound, east to a gathering in Kiket Bay, and west to Roche Harbor , with another planned for Friday Harbor in the very near future.

All organized by a wonderful collection of member volunteers who made bringing-the-fun a high priority. I, for one know, that Red and Carlos are looking forward to another crack at the Blind Dinghy Race!

Each month has brought together club members enjoying our common passion of being on the water, enjoying great conversation (and a few sea stories) with each other, and the companionship and company of spending time together. Our next adventure is scheduled for September 11-13 in Friday Harbor and will be hosted by Terry and Fran Kottwitz and crew. Get your reservations soon and join in the fun.

Coming Events

Bar Nights, Sat. 5pm
Threads&Yarns Weds. 1-3

August
29 Bar closed—Luau Night at OHYC

September
11-13 Friday Harbor Cruise
20 Seahawks 1 pm
23 Board Meeting 5 pm
27 Seahawks 9:30 am
27 Poseidon articles due

October
4 Seahawks 1 pm
11 Seahawks 1 pm
28 Board Meeting 5 pm
29 Annual Membership Meeting (no guests) 5 pm
30 Poseidon articles due
31 Bar closed

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From the Commodore, cont.

It is also my great pleasure in welcoming our newest members, David DeCourcy and Jo Price, along with Joan Simmerman. Welcome to the FYC family.

Coming soon to an upcoming event will also be the loading of a new FYC Time Capsule. Let's fill it up!!

Eric Addison

Commodore

From the Vice Commodore

Hello, fellow FYC members, the summer cruising/outdoor/travel weather has been glorious and I hope all of you have been making the most of it! I for one am hoping we continue to enjoy summer-like conditions through much of September as is often the case in the PNW.

As usual I have big THANK YOUS for our great club volunteers. A big thank you to Jim and Cheryl Poitras for hosting a wonderful chicken & rib barbecue for our decidedly informal August dinner meeting. Along with their crew (Fred and Stephanie Kaufhold, Tom and Dianne Kuhn, Bill Monteforte and Kim Adams, and Lee Patza and Pat Thompson) they served a wonderful meal for 53 FYC members and guests. Thanks also to our dinner speaker Jeff Glecker of Seattle Yachts.

From the Vice Commodore, cont.

Though not in the Vice Commodore's "lane", I gotta sat that the Canadian Capers cruise was an absolute blast and want to give Joyce McNeil & Ken Goodwin and Dawn and Bob Munn a big shout-out for organizing such a fabulous event. "it's a boat" kind of issues seemed to be at a minimum as up to ten (?) boats visited marinas at Port of Sidney, Genoa Bay, Maple Bay, Ganges, Manana/Ladysmith, Nanaimo and Fairwinds/Schooner Cove.

Weather was outstanding as was the hospitality at the various marinas. The crew struck a great balance between group events and "on-your-own" time, scheduling two nights at most marinas and three at Ganges. I think everyone appreciated the non- travel days… the pace was relaxed and allowed for lots of social time. It was a great opportunity to strengthen existing friendships and form new ones. Looking ahead, Bob Lewis and Mary Larson will host our September dinner meeting on Thursday, September 24, and I look forward to the meal, social time with our members and to hearing the remarks of our dinner speaker, Nathaniel Hough, Pres of Foss Maritime.

Finally, I've been getting quite a few comments regarding the state/status of our dinner meetings. We'll be doing some committee work over the next one to two months to get input from the club starting from the prompt: "what should our dinner meetings look like in 2027?" Questions we'll try to address include things such as:

- How do we make the events easier to host and staff?
- Are members willing to pay higher prices in order to enjoy more catered meals and reduce member workload?
- What is the relative value to our members of: 1) the meal, 2) the fellowship, and 3) the dinner speaker program?
- Should we do fewer "full-service" meals and more pot lock-style events?

If you have input for this working group, please send it to both Virginia Kelley and Jim Lincoln. If you would like to participate in the committee work, please let us know.

Wishing all our members all the best as summer "officially" comes to a close in September.

Jim Lincoln

Vice Commodore

Fidalgo Yacht Club

We take pride in promoting good seamanship, safe cruising practices, and sharing a deep appreciation of the Pacific Northwest's marine environment.

Past Events

One-Fathom Wine Tasting

Eight of us gathered at the clubhouse on 8/5 bringing our favorite summer sipper and an appetizer. We had five wines and one homemade ginger beer to sample. The wines included:

--Casal Garcia vinho rose from Portugal

--Famega white vinho verde from Portugal

--Chateau Ste. Michelle Sauvignon Blanc

--Tinte Cellars Viognier, Columbia Valley

--Januik Chardonnay, Cold Creek Vineyard, Columbia Valley

We finished with a non-alcoholic ginger beer made by Jerome. We sat around a table with the appetizers and beverages and really paid no attention to the smoky air outside. It was suggested that we do a clubhouse tasting every several months and maybe make it a "blind" wine tasting.

We shall see!

Mary Robbins

Future Events at the Club

September Dinner Meeting

Please join us for our next dinner meeting on Thursday, Sept. 24, at 5 p.m., at the clubhouse. Think of it as our annual Welcome Back from Summer get-together. It's our change to hear about any learning or good Samaritan experiences you would like to share!

Our guest speaker is Nathaniel Hough, President of Foss Maritime Company. Foss started with one used rowboat in 1889! Today they have tugs and marine services up and down the West Coast!

We'll be celebrating German October Fest, and in keeping with our recent history of food themes at the club, the dinner menu will be:

- German style brats - German potato salad - red cabbage
- sauerkraut - brat bun - condiments
- homemade chocolate cake with cherry sauce (almost black forest torte)

Your volunteer dinner team members are: Pat Thompson (team leader), Kim Adams and Bill Monteforte, John Buchanan, Mary Larson and Bob Lewis, Lee Patza, Susan and Alan Smith.

Reservations deadline: September 19.

See the flyer in the back of this issue for more information.

See you there!

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October 's Annual Business and Dinner Meeting

You don't want to miss our Annual Business and Dinner Meeting on Thursday, Oct. 29, at 5 p.m. Because it is a business meeting, there is no seating for guests.

This year's meeting will be catered by GERE-a-DELI. We'll be serving:

Lasagna (both meat and veggie)

Caesar Salad and Garlic Bread

Carrot Cake.

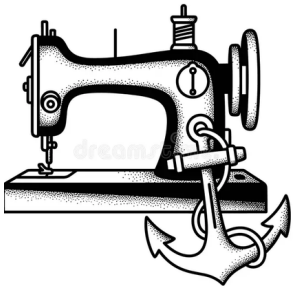
Thank you to the evening's team: John and Laurie Ive, Bob Salmon and Millie Brown, Tom and Lisa Wallace, Tom and Diane Schultz

Reservations deadline: October 22.

See flyer in back for more information.

Threads And Yarns

The summer has flown by as usual and our having "informal" gatherings with no host on Wednesdays from 1-3 pm worked really well over the summer. We had two to six members attending almost every Wednesday. These gatherings provided a wonderful space for shared conversations about our lives right now...and even some crafting! We will continue the informal format until October 7th. Then we may look at specific crafting projects to do together. So please enjoy the beginnings of fall...and be thinking of those Christmas projects that need to be started on soon!



Barb Hylton
Mary Robbins

Upcoming Cruises

Friday Harbor Cruise

September 11-13 - End of the Summer Cruise to Friday Harbor

Reservations Deadline: Sept. 1

Once again, we'll be cruising to Friday Harbor Marina to celebrate the end of the summer cruising season, the weekend of September 11-13. On Friday evening, we'll meet for a no-host dinner at the San Juan Islan Yacht Club. We'll serve a light breakfast on Saturday morning. Bring an appetizer to share at Saturday evening happy hour. We'll provide a to-go bag for Sunday morning's departure.

There's plenty to do in and around Friday Harbor, including Saturday afternoon bowling for those interested. Please contact the marina directly to make your moorage reservations in advance. You can sign up for the cruise on the FYC website or by sending a check to Fran and Terry Kottwitz. See the flyer at the end of the Poseidon for more details. We're looking forward to seeing everyone!

Terry and Fran Kottwitz

The October *Poseidon* deadline: Sept. 27

Please send everything you want in the Octgober *Poseidon* to xxx by September 27.

That means messages from the bridge, committees, managers, and hosts; flyers; Everything members need to know through Oct. 31 is in this issue! Please think ahead!

Please feel free to send photos! They add to members' enjoyment.

Joanne Wilshin

Interim *Poseidon* Editor