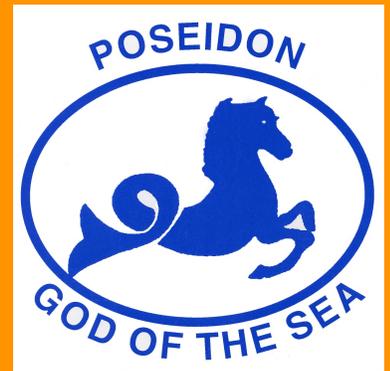




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The Newsletter of the Fidalgo Yacht Club
Anacortes



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Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars

Threads & Yarns the First and Third Monday of every month at 1PM via Zoom. Contact Mary Robbins or Barb Hylton for the Zoom Link.

Book Club October 7
10AM Book: Melinda Gate
**The Moment of Lift:
Empowering Women
Changes the World**
via Zoom

Annual Meeting - Your presence is requested via Zoom. We will be voting on the budget, some By-Law changes & New board members. Please attend as we need a quorum. Date: October 22 at 5:30 PM

Make online reservation here.

From the Commodore: Lee Patza

In September I wrote about supporting RBAW's endeavor to acquire Lakebay Marina. Today I had the unpleasant duty of sending out an email to members that RBAW's offer was rejected and the owner accepted another offer nearly three times RBAW's offer. As we all know, this happens in real estate. It should not affect our continued support for RBAW its' continued efforts to provide a better boating experience for us all. Thank you for supporting RBAW.

We are rapidly approaching our Annual Meeting on Oct. 22 communicating to you to encourage you joining that Zoom Meeting. It is imperative that we have a quorum of 25% of the membership attend the meeting. It is when we vote on the new Board and Bridge for 2021 and approve the 2021 Budget. We will be sending you the email links to join the Meeting and also texting it to your smartphone if you prefer that. Please let me know if you need help with how to join and I will be happy to practice with you online.

Pat and I with Effie Mae did get some time out in the islands this past month on our small trawler, and yes, the health card has been punched and I can't sail anymore. It has been a learning curve understanding the rudder won't steer a powerboat but hey, we didn't hit anyone and now we know that value of bow and stern thrusters on a power boat. The smoke finally made us return to homeport but we did get lots of radar practice in the process.

Finally, the Annual Meeting signals I'm nearing the end of my term. Unfortunately we did not meet many of our goals because of the Covid 19 coronavirus. But for me, the only thing that matters is we are still all here and no member has gotten the virus. For that, I am truly thankful and excited to support the next Commodore and Bridge as we move forward to a better 2021.

Stay well, Commodore Lee

From the Vice Commodore: Tom Kuhn

Though we haven't been able to formally meet on the water this year, we have had the opportunity to share the cruising experiences of some of our members via Zoom. At the "September Dinner Meeting," our new members Skip and Sondra Peters shared their cruising adventures that took them from Maine to the Virgin Islands, through the Panama Canal to Hawaii, then Alaska and home. Last month, Jim Niehaus and Fred Kaufhold shared their cruising experience to Haida Gwaii.

As we approach the end of the year, I want to thank Leonard and Lorena Landon for arranging our dinner speakers this year. The pandemic didn't allow us to have our regular dinner meetings, but a thank you is in order to Mindy Sorensen and Libby Walgamott for lining up teams for all of the dinners.

Our October Annual Meeting via Zoom is a don't miss event. The members will approve the 2021 budget, and the officers and directors for 2021. A quorum is required to vote in order to move forward. Please mark your calendar and plan on joining us at 5:30 Thursday October 22nd.

Tom Kuhn



From the Rear Commodore: Kathy Ramsay

Is this still 2020??!! Enough already...

I'm sure most of us are missing the opportunities the club afforded us to be with our FYC friends. The recent golf tournament was a perfect example of the camaraderie that we are all wanting. Recently, I had the enjoyable opportunity to visit with a charter member from 1976. Dot Bentley has very fond and detailed memories of cruises and events that she and Bill, her husband, had hosted. She mentioned that FYC had been "family". It was a great reminder of what our club means to so many. Yes, we are a yachting club, but it is also family, and I, for one, cannot wait until the "fam" can get together once again. In the meantime, we are all living "virtually". Future virtual Bar Side Chats are planned (information upcoming), and our zoom Wine Tastings are very popular. Details are available through the FYC website and email notices that go out frequently. Join in!

Not to be forgotten is the Commodore's Ball, which is scheduled for Saturday, December 5 at 5 PM. The ball committee is working on a plan to honor incoming Commodore Tom Kuhn and his wife, Dianne. As of yet, we are not sure what will be possible by December, but a virtual zoom event is likely. You all will be kept informed of the plans, and we hope you can join us in whatever way possible. Details will follow.

Until next time, stay safe!

Kathy Ramsay



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 choose 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.

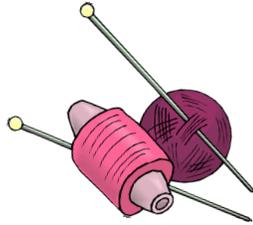
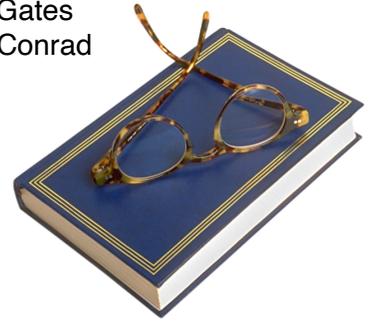
If you'd like to be included, please email: JoanneWilshin@gmail.com.

October: [The Moment of Lift: How Empowering Women Changes the World](#), Melinda Gates

November: [Inside: One Woman's Journey Through the Inside Passage](#), Susan Marie Conrad

December: [My Italian Bulldozer](#), Alexander McCall Smith

Joanne Wilshin and Ellen Kaiser



Threads & Yarns

Threads & Yarns Fall Changes!

As the weather starts to change and autumn colors become nature's favorites, we turn our attention to harvest, bounty, and blessings, and to the holidays in the last quarter of 2020. We, with feedback from several T&Y members, have decided to have Zoom gatherings not every Monday at 1 pm, but the **FIRST and THIRD Mondays of each month at 1 pm.**

In usual times, we work on our crafts together as we talk in the clubhouse for several hours. This has changed to a Zoom hour, where members may or may not be working on their projects during our discussions...as a running sewing machine will commandeer as speaker! It's just not the same and we can and do acknowledge this. And we will look at the 2021 schedule with more T&Y members providing feedback.

It's time to start your hobbies for your available time and wow everyone during the holidays!

Mary Robbins & Barb Hylton



Cruise Update from Mary Robbins

As your 2019 and 2020 Cruise Coordinator, we had a very fun year last year...and an even better year planned for this year. Unfortunately, no one could have foreseen this pandemic and its impact on our lives.

I want to sincerely thank all the members who stepped forward to lead a cruise this year and their crew members:

Shakedown Cruise - Cap Sante: Jamie Cromack & Garrick Barr

Roche Harbor - Wayne & Liz Weideman

Rosario Resort - John & Colleen McIntyre

Capidalgo at Port Browning - Tom Kuhns

Telegraph Harbor - Jerome (& me) Robbins

Victoria Symphony SPLASH, B.C. - Bill Monteforte & Kim Adams, Tom Hopper & Janet Lien

Past Commodore's Cruise - Jerome Robbins

Friday Harbor - Carl Bergan & Linda Page

I sincerely hope that you are willing to step forward in 2021 with the same or a new cruise for the new Cruise Coordinator for 2021.

Blessings on you and your families as you continue floating on the Salish Sea this year!

Mary Robbins



FYC One-Fathom Wine Tasting Club – September Events

The One-Fathom Wine Tasting Club had its second Zoom gathering on 9/1 hosted by Past Commodore Jerome Robbins and Mary. We saw, smelled, sipped, swallowed, and shared our impressions of 2019 Barnard Griffin Rose of Sangiovese and 2019 Campuget Costieres de Nimes Rose of 70% Syrah/30% Grenache Noir. Jerome first shared backgrounds as certified amateur wine judges for WA State Fair, Boeing Wine Club, Sons of Italy, and the Key Peninsula Fair. They are not qualified to judge commercially made wines. Then Mary gave some background on the two rose vineyards, owners, and some tasting notes. Campuget received member ratings of 10-16 points and BG received member ratings of 16-18 points using a modified UC Davis 20-point judging form. 16 members joined us for this fun event!

On 9/15 Mona & George Hamlin hosted the One-Fathom Wine Tasting of two Italian reds. Both wines were less than \$20. The first, made with Sangiovese grapes, was a Chianti Classico from the Cavaliere d'Oro Gabbiano winery in Tuscany producing 130,000 annually. This wine is bone-dry, medium-full bodied with allot tannins and medium-high acidity. The second, made with Montepulciano grapes, was from the Cantina Zaccagnini winery in Abruzzo boasting an annual production of over 3,000,000 bottles. It is a medium body, slightly acidic dry red with 13% alcohol. We continued with the UC Davis 20-point judging form. Scores ranged from 9 to 17 with the average around 12. The Zaccagnini had a more robust flavor and showed a bit better than the Gabbiano. Both wines tasted better with food, especially strong cheese. 12 members attended and had a good time discussing the wines.



Message from the Immediate Past Commodore

As Immediate Past Commodore and Chair of the Nominating Committee, I am pleased to present to you the slate of Officers and Directors for 2021. I shared the slate at the September dinner meeting and will again present the slate at the October Annual Meeting. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at both meetings. During the October meeting you will be asked to vote for the Officers and Directors for 2021.

The Nominating Committee is composed of the Immediate Past Commodore, the Vice Commodore and three members in good standing who are not currently serving on the Board of Directors. For 2020 the Nominating Committee members include Tom Kuhn (Vice Commodore), Barbee Cromack, Tom Hopper, Liz Weideman, and me.

Bridge members are elected for one-year terms, four of the eight Directors are elected for two-year terms, and an Alternate Director is elected for a one-year term. The other four of the eight Directors will continue to serve the second of their two-year terms and are not up for election.

The Board of Directors, September 2019, interpreted the By-Laws to require that the membership also vote on the appointment of specific Directors to the positions of Secretary and Treasurer in alternating years. So, you will be voting for a Director to serve as Secretary for a two-year term.

The Nominating Committee slate for 2021 is as follows:

Flag Officers – One Year Term:

Tom Kuhn - Commodore
Kathy Ramsay – Vice Commodore
Dean Felthous – Rear Commodore

Directors – Two Year Term:

Dick Butler
Jim Niehaus
Mary Robbins
Wayne Weideman

Alternate Director – One Year Term

Joyce McNeil

Secretary – Mary Robbins

I would like to thank the Directors for their service to FYC whose term expires this year. This includes Torben Mann, Bonni Nutter, Dennis Thornton, John Walgamott, and Ellen Kaiser. My term also expires.

I would also like to thank Directors Bill Epler, George Hamlin, Reid Meyers, and David Vacanti whose terms will continue next year and I thank Lee Patza who will become Immediate Past Commodore and also serve as a Director on the Board in 2021.

Jerome Robbins, Nominating Committee Chair

