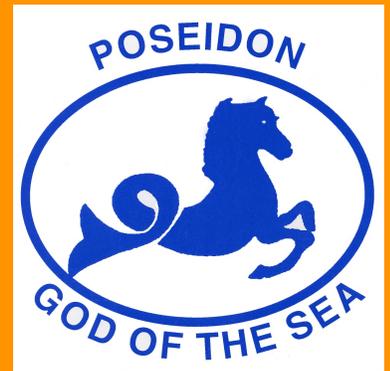




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The Newsletter of the Fidalgo Yacht Club
Anacortes



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September



Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars

Zoom Wine Tasting -
Tuesday September 1 at
5:30 PM

Zoom Book Club 10AM
Wednesday, Sept 2

Zoom Game Night Tuesday
September 8 at 5:30PM

Zoom Threads & Yarns -
Monday September 14 at
1PM.

Make online reservation
here.

From the Commodore: Lee Patza

“Northwest Washington Marine Conservancies and our Membership Support”

Last summer we had an opportunity to boat in the Stockholm Archipelago in the Baltic Sea. It's a cluster of over 24,000 islands stretching 50 miles East of Stockholm. It was designated as a world heritage site in 1989. In Sweden, there is a Freedom to Roam Law which: allows access any land, except private residences, the immediate vicinity (76 yards) of a dwelling house and cultivated land, you can put up a tent, you are allowed to collect flowers and berries, driving on private roads is allowed, swimming in lakes is allowed and access any beach as long as you stay 76 yards from private residences. What a pleasant surprise and treat for Pat and me. We need more public access land and need to preserve it.

At our Board Meeting Wednesday night, our Board voted without dissent to encourage me to communicate to our membership our encouragement that you support RBAW Marine Parks Conservancy and their current purchase initiative, the historic Lakebay Marina located 10 miles west of Tacoma, WA. The 18-acre property also includes 600 feet of shoreline, a boat ramp, tidelands, forest, and is close to Penrose Point State Park. RBAW's vision is new docks, utilities, and modern infrastructure, while seeking to preserve the site's historic character. They hope to see families strolling the pier, boaters visiting for a rendezvous, and the building serving once more as a treasured community gathering spot.

Pat and I are active supporters of Skagit Land Trust which has also acquired public land on Cypress, Guemes, as well as several sites in Anacortes including March Point. This is Pat's last project for the Trust with members of Fidalgo Island Quilters, a quilt of Skagit County, auctioned at their fund-raising dinner. We passionately support this RBAW project!

Many of us already enjoy Sucia Islands and I need to remind you that was a similar RBAW project. On behalf of the Board of Directors, we encourage you to financially support their current Lakebay project.

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From the Vice Commodore: Tom Kuhn

A big Thank You to our presenters for the "September ZOOM Dinner meeting". Jim Niehaus and Fred Kaufhold shared their experience of visiting Haida Gwaii, and learning about the culture, people and history of the islands. What a wonderful adventure! The video production rivaled Hollywood in its quality. We had 31 screens signed into the presentation or an estimated 60+ people.

Our "September ZOOM Dinner meeting" program will take place on Wednesday 9/23 at 7:00. Our featured speakers will be FYC new members Skip and Sondra Peters. They will share their multi-year cruising adventures aboard their 59' Hinkley sailboat. Their adventure took them to the south seas and New Zealand. Mark your calendar, you won't want to miss their presentation.

Our "October ZOOM Dinner meeting" is our annual business meeting. Your participation is very important. Here is what will be going on:

- Election of the Club Bridge Officers
- Election of Board Members
- Budget approval

Please plan to participate, a quorum is required to approve these items.

Tom Kuhn
Vice Commodore



From the Rear Commodore: Kathy Ramsay

Another month of staying safe, staying home, cleaning cabinets and eating WAY too much chocolate! When will it end??!! Hopefully, those of you with boats are out and about, catching crab, sunbathing and having a great time. To help with pandemic boredom, FYC is now offering Zoom Wine Tastings and Zoom Games (*The Fathom Club*, courtesy of Joanne Wilshin). We have had our first very successful wine tasting with 10 couples. The wine tastings are every other Tuesday and the next is September 1, 5:30 PM, with the Robbins discussing two roses. The wine can be purchased at Safeway in advance. Information can be found on the website and notices are sent out prior to the events.

The first Zoom game was played on August 25th and it was *Scattergories*. Only 7 players, but we are hoping for more members for the next and different game on Tuesday, September 8. It was a small but lively group. You can always learn something about your fellow players, and this time we learned that one of our members favors lettuce sandwiches above most others!

Reid Meyers hosted the first annual FYC Commodore's Cup Golf Tournament on August 27. Dressed in sartorial splendor, our Commodore Lee, with his First Lady Pat Thompson, opened the event with coffee and cinnamon rolls... A great time was had by all, the weather cooperated and the winner was John Walgamott and his guest, Gary Brand, with a score of 77.

It's wonderful to see some activities happening at FYC and we hope in the coming months we will see all of you in whatever ways are possible. Continue to stay safe!

Kathy Ramsay

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If you donate on behalf of the Yacht Club and we attain a total of \$10,000 in donations, we will have a Slip at Lakebay named after the Club. There are individual recognition items as well starting at the \$50 level if you prefer that. If you would like to donate through your giving charitable account, contact your trustee, advising them of the Conservancy's 501(c)(3) status, and have them make the donation. The Tax ID for the RBAW Marine Parks Conservancy (EIN) is: 84-2485855.

Our Club does not have a Reserve Fund and our Investment Fund is dedicated solely to our current and future building. Therefore, our Board did not vote for a Club contribution as we don't foresee any surplus in revenue, with Covid constraints, to budget for a contribution. We also realize many members leave port with their boats and head North and West, not South. We hope this conservancy will give you one more reason to head South. Please go to their website at <https://www.rbawmarineparksconservancy.org> if you desire more information. In the meantime, stay safe, social distance and see you at our next Zoom event.

Commodore Lee

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.

August: [Little Fires Everywhere](#), Celeste Ng

September: [West with the Night](#), Beryl Markham

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 last met via Zoom on June 15th with 10 members attending. We decided to not meet until September due to members out cruising on boats or RVs.

We will continue to work on our projects this summer of sewing, quilting, paper crafts, stained glass artwork, and dig into long forgotten in-progress projects.

Our next gathering, probably via Zoom, will be Monday, 1 pm, September 14th.

Have a fun summer and stay safe!

Barb Hylton and Mary Robbins

Ships Store

Ships Store has some great vests on the rack. There are a limited amount in sizes and colors, but the price makes them an amazing bargain! If there is one that suits you, please feel free to contact me and I will meet you at FYC, with mask and sanitizer, so that you may try it on and take it home. All vests are \$25, and two for \$45. Please bring a check or cash with you.

The following are reversible, one side water resistant with FYC logo, the other side fleece. Easy care, wash and dry. All sizes are unisex.

XS- green one side, navy fleece the other.

Sm-green/navy

Sm-blue/black

Sm-black/black

Sm-red/black

Med-gray/black

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XL-blue/blue

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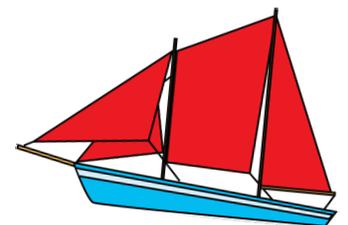
We also have one XL gray fleece with logo.

Hope to see you soon. All best wishes,

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Cruise Update from Mary Robbins

The FYC Past Commodore's Cruise is scheduled for September 9-14, this year. Due to FYC still not having any club sponsored events, Jerome has made the decision to cancel this "formal" cruise. This decision was made keeping Skagit County and WA State restrictions in mind during the flux of this pandemic and the need to keep our members healthy.

The meet ups for boating just started two weeks ago and seem to be a better way to see each other out on the water in smaller groups and stay distanced. This is a much healthier way to gather.

I'm still keeping my fingers crossed that the Friday Harbor cruise scheduled for October 2-4 becomes a reality. I've been in touch with Carl Bergan and Linda Page about their comfort level...and they are in a "wait and see" mode. And we are really relying on the FYC Board to provide guidance.

Thanks to Past Commodore's Cruise crew of George & Mona Hamlin and Kim & Steve Woodward!



Highlights from the Golf Tournament!

