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The Newsletter of the Fidalgo Yacht Club
Anacortes



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February 2021



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 - February 3 at 10AM via Zoom. Contact Joanne Wilshin for the link.

FYC Wine Tasting
Feb. 2 at 5:30. Contact Tom Kuhn

Dinner Meeting - Feb. 25th via Zoom. More information to follow

Make online reservation here or pay dues here.

From the Commodore: Tom Kuhn

I look forward to 2021 and the promise that the vaccination brings. Bridge members are planning events, cruises, bar nights with the anticipation that we will slowly get back to normal. In the interim, we continue to enjoy Zoom connections for "Dinner Speakers", Book Club, Threads & Yarns and Wine Tasting. You will be pleased to hear that the 2021 Directory will be available in February – with photos and information on all our members. A big thanks to Liz and Wayne for taking it on!!

Your Board meet for the first time in 2021. I would like to thank the new members who started their 2-year terms: Mary Robbins - Secretary, Dick Butler, Wayne Weideman, Jim Niehaus, and Joyce McNeil. Welcome aboard! Key to our discussion was setting priorities for the coming year. Unanimously, board members identified growing and maintaining membership through increased connections with current members, and outreach to new members. Once we can reopen the Club and get back together again, one of the things we can all help with is involving our newer members. Invite them to help with a dinner, special event, or a cruise, all of which builds stronger connections. You get to know someone when you work with them on a committee! As far as recruiting new members, as with most organizations, people join because they are asked to join. Sure, we have had a great deal of interest generated by our outstanding web site, but people like to be asked. Talk to your boating friends on the dock, your neighbors. We have a wonderful active friendly Club, lets share the word. One of the other items brought up was to encourage members to get their Covid shots as soon as they are eligible. As members receive their inoculations, we get closer to the day when we can open the Club start to get back to our normal in-person activities.

In closing, I'd like to share a nautical quote which I think we can all relate to:

"Cruising has two main pleasures. One is to go out into wider waters from a sheltered place. The other is to go into a sheltered place from wide waters." – Howard Bloomfield

Tom Kuhn

From the Vice Commodore: Kathy Ramsay

Laissez les bons temps rouler*... my new mantra for 2021! It's time for an adjustment to my attitude. I know more about face masks, how long six feet REALLY is, how to get up ridiculously early to shop with my fellow "over 60" age group than I EVER thought possible. So time to get back to FYC fun!

Our clubhouse is nice and clean, batteries and light bulbs replaced, door code changed, equipment checked and SOP's written for same. Mary thanks to Dick Butler for his efforts in heading our House Maintenance. The club house is ready for P-A-R-T-Y time when the phase allows. Look no further than the FYC website's calendar, run by John Buchanan, for planned upcoming events. Mindy Sorensen and Libby Walgamott have in-house monthly dinners planned, beginning in August, (sooner if it is allowed) with scrumptious food. And a great kitchen house committee (Hettich/Hylton/Larson) will keep us stocked with all the necessities.

I will be forever grateful to Leonard and Lorena Landon for providing excellent speakers for our dinner meetings. (See *Zoom Yacht Club Dinner Meetings* in this issue.) I just wish Zoom could provide home cooked meals to accompany the presentations. I would be remiss to not thank Bill Epler for always generously providing his computer savvy to get these Zoom events up and happening.

Cannot forget the FYC Bar! Karen Ryan has put together a comprehensive list of our licensed bartenders and members with food service permits. Quite a few permits have expired during this pandemic or are headed that way. Please consider going to the FYC website's SOP's and renewing or just getting your bar/food service permits for the first time. (Volunteers always needed and appreciated.) Karen and Red Bennett will have our bar stocked and the beer tap ready to pour when we are!

Lastly, we will soon again be able to get "dressed up" and seen when heading out to the club, going "yachting" or elsewhere (no more sweats!). Rosemarie Wilson and Kim McCollister are putting together a Ships Store shopping page on our website with TShirts by Design. Soon, we will be able to order many resplendent and colorful FYC Logo-ed clothes. Let's show our love for all things FYC and wear our yacht club name proudly.

Just remember, GOOD TIMES are ahead for us!



From the Rear Commodore: Dean Felthaus

What a relief to see a vaccine for COVID-19! While we still need to be vigilant in our practices, this COVID is not deterring us from enjoying activities that we still can do in 2021. We are fortunate to have so many wine enthusiasts in our club. Many thanks go out to Tom and Janet Lien, Jerome and Mary Robbins, Lee Patza and Pat Thompson and Tom and Diane Kuhn for their stepping up as hosts for these well received wine tasting zoom events so far this year.

Joyce McNeil and Ken Goodwin as our Special Events leads, have done a great job in scheduling many wonderful events for the reminder of the year while still working within our ever changing COVID environment. Flexibility will be maintained in this plan to keep us all safe while still maximizing our club experience wherever possible. It will be so wonderful when we can once again be together in person...and that day is now coming!

Mary Robbins and Barb Hylton are active with Threads and Yarns as always and Joanne Wilshin has a year of books readings that many Book Club members will find very stimulating. Mindy Sorensen will also continue as our lead for the FLRTS Rowing Club and will be ready to go when advisable. These clubs are always looking for new members to join in on the fun and socialization so please do make contact with them to find out more. They would love to hear from you!

~Dean Felthaus



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 vote on 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., at the clubhouse, your Book Club Day.

We would love to have you join us and partake in our always-fascinating conversation surrounding each book's themes.

January - Entangled Life: How Fungi Make Our Worlds, Change Our Minds, and Shape Our Futures, by Merlin Sheldrake

February - Valentine: a Novel, by Elizabeth Wetmore

March - Anxious People: A Novel, by Fredrik Backman

April - Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents, by Isabel Wilkerson

May - Two Old Women: An Alaska Legend of Betrayal, Courage and Survival, by Vilma Wallis

June - American Dirt: A Novel, by Jeanine Cummins

July - Magic Lessons: The Prequel to Practical Magic, by Alice Hoffman

August - The Book of Two Ways: A Novel, by Jodi Picoult



If you would like to be added to our email list, please contact me at joannewilshin at [gmail.com](mailto:joannewilshin@gmail.com).

Threads & Yarns

Threads & Yarns has changed its Zoom meeting schedule to be the 1st & 3rd Mondays at 1 pm. The next gathering is 2/1. With slippers now covering bare feet and sweaters replacing tees, hot toddies replacing spritzers, it's time to hunker down and be creative with our hobbies. All are welcome to join us for conversation! Please let Mary Robbins or Barb Hylton know if you want to be added to the group email list. Keep safe and warm!

The FYC One-Fathom Wine Tasting Club

Next Meeting - Feb 2 at 5:30 PM

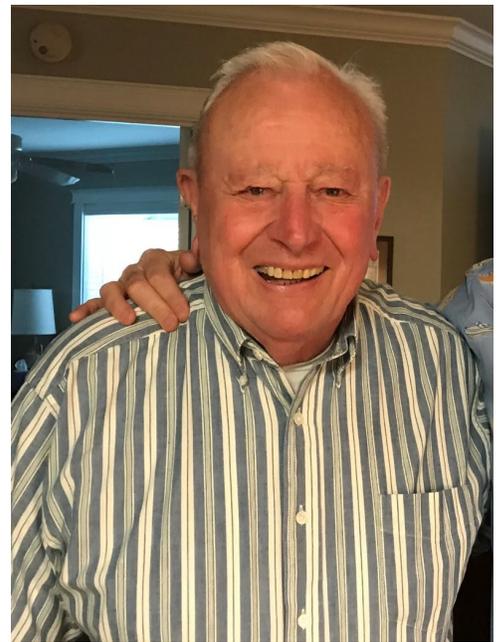
We will be tasting two Ports.

Contact Tom Kuhn for the Zoom Link and information on the Ports.



Roy Raphael

Submitted by Howie Sorenson



We are ringing the Ship's Bell, virtually, eight times, to honor Roy Raphael. Roy passed away peacefully, January 7, at Providence Hospital-Everett. Roy was suffering serious liver, kidney and pancreatic issues, when he died. He was 92.

Roy was No. One in our club, our most senior FYC member. He joined the Club in 1984. An avid boater, both sail and power, he had owned a boat ever since his teen years in Seattle. His current boat is a Grand Banks 42 Classic. Typical of Roy, to avoid the virus, he spent the entire Summer, mostly alone, on his boat in Reid Harbor. Aside from being a little lonesome for his friends, he loved it.

Born in Oakland, the Raphael family moved to Seattle when Roy was just 3. He attended Garfield High School where he was the quarterback of the Garfield Bulldogs. However the Raphaels moved back to Berkeley and Roy completed his education attending Berkeley High School and the University of California-Berkley.

If you are to remember just one thing about Roy, it was his incredible gift of making friends, good friends, close friends, "best friends". If you were fortunate enough to be one of his "best friends" you could expect to see him or get a phone call weekly.

Celebration of Roy Raphael's life will be necessarily deferred until the COVID-19 pandemic has run its course, hopefully this Summer at the FYC clubhouse.

F.L.R.T.S.



There is a group of us known as the F.L.R.T.S. Any idea what it stands for? Clue #1: A sample of the long oar we use is on the north side of our clubhouse; Clue #2: We exercise on the water Monday and Wednesday mornings, 0800-0900; Clue #3: Five ladies sitting together in a gig or wherry. Still wondering? Answer: Fidalgo Ladies Rowing Team (s). We are rowers, under the auspices of OARSS (an acronym for Old Anacortes Rowing & Sailing Society), who enjoy the sport of rowing 21' long boats, twice weekly.

We FLRTS started rowing approximately nineteen years ago and were able to fill two boats with 10 rowers, plus several subs on standby. Even though rowers have come and gone, over the years the boats have been filled with: Marcia Berg, Wallie Olive, Pam Gilbert, Mindy Sorensen, Marlene Niehaus, Martha McGough, Sue Hill, Gayl McAlister, Billie Schooler, Penny Barnard, Liz Weideman, Barbee Cromack, Sheila Gifford, Maryann Hatfield, Carol Leahy, Wendy Kusula, Jan Schutzler, Carol Fairey, Libby Walgamott, Di Kuhn, Barb Hylton, Joanne Witiak, Ellen Kaiser. In the beginning several of us became Masters (successfully completing a required number of hours in the coxswain seat, passing a written exam, showing our knot tying talents and passing an in-the-water sea trial). As a Master we able to take the boats along with a crew out for rowing. Our rowing area consists of the waters off Cap Sante and Padilla Bay, with a (very) occasional row to Saddlebag Island and Anderson's Restaurant on Guemes.

The OARSS fleet consists of three Gigs (Erica, Glide and Island Star), one Wherry (Annie C.), and one long boat with sail (Elizabeth Bonaventure). To check out more about OARSS, the website to use is: oarss.org. Currently we are rowing according to COVID-19 rules.

If you have an interest in exploring this sport, please let Mindy Sorensen know (howdymindy123@comcast.net). Our current crew consists of Martha McGough, Carol Fairey, Libby Walgamott and Di Kuhn (with subs: Barb Hylton, Susan Smith, and Joanne Witiak), and they too can answer questions you might have. We are always looking for subs and there is no better way to try out this sport than to get into the boat, grab an oar and row together.

Our COVID-19 recommendations state that during Phases 1 and 2 it is advised no one over 65, or with health issues, row. I look forward to Phase 3 occurring with the OARSS' Safety Committee considering lifting these recommendations...but no guarantee.

ZOOM YACHT CLUB DINNER MEETINGS



For the foreseeable future, we will continue using Zoom for our guest presentations. These speakers will be providing interesting and informative talks relating to our shared interest in all things boating. Westcott Bay Shellfish Company of San Juan Island, our first 2021 dinner speakers, did an outstanding presentation on their acquiring and growing a shellfish farm with little initial experience. How far they've come! They would be pleased to meet yacht club members visiting Westcott Bay and offer great food and ambiance. Make a reservation and plan a stop there on your next trip to Roche Harbor or Garrison Bay.

The Thursday, February 25 dinner meeting will have the Anacortes Waterfront Alliance speak about the available activities for our locals... 25 small sailboats, stand up paddle boards - even sailing lessons in the summer for kids AND adults. This is a very valuable resource for our town and there will be a lot of useful information, so plan to Zoom!

Kathy Ramsay
Vice Commodore

