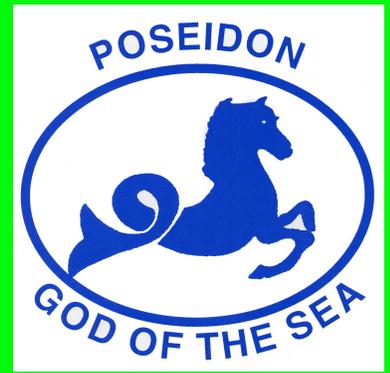




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The Newsletter of the Fidalgo Yacht Club  
Anacortes



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

**Dinner Meeting** - March 25 at 6:55 Pm via Zoom

Make online reservation here

### **From the Commodore:** Tom Kuhn

Here we are in March and the light at the end of the tunnel is getting brighter! Spring can't be far away, and then summer. As I sit here next to the fireplace, my thoughts turn to the number of Club members it takes to make the organization run smoothly, far more than the Bridge and the Board.

I want to thank the strong team of volunteers who have been working behind the scenes to make things ready to go as soon as the Governor gives us the green light. As more of us get our 2<sup>nd</sup> shots, we are getting closer to being able to return to our full schedule of activities: cruises, dinners, bar nights, special activities, bar-side chats and so much more. Zoom has kept us connected in the meantime. Though it's not the same as in-person gatherings, Zoom has enabled us to "see" one another.

Membership development is the Board's focus for the year. Liz Weideman has some exciting ideas to enhance and grow our membership, which you'll be hearing more about.

Stay safe – and see you all soon!

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

*"Land was created to provide a place for a boat to visit."*  
Brooks Atkinson

Tom

## **From the Vice Commodore: Kathy Ramsay**

Since many of us have now had both Covid vaccine shots (or close to getting the second one), it is almost like seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. What will that mean to you... perhaps freedom to move about, eat someplace different than your kitchen tables, maybe (dare I say it) hugs from friends and family?? This has been quite a L-O-N-G stretch, hasn't it?

On a "housekeeping" note, I'm very pleased to report that many of our members that had expired food and/or beverage licenses have now renewed them. Thank you all so much for following through. When we open, we will be ready with qualified volunteers. Doesn't sitting at our bar, chatting with fellow members, partaking in a beverage while chewing on a peanut or two sound decadent? I cannot wait!

In the interim, our zoom dinner meetings continue. The recent February one did not disappoint. It was heartening to see the dedication of the Anacortes Waterfront Alliance (AWA) to teach the youth/ adults/ family members of our town about the amazing water related activities available here. They hope to "build" future boaters (and yacht club members!) by offering classes, rental sailboats and even a small boat maintenance facility in the near term. AWA could always use volunteers to help assist or teach a boating class. (They are also involved with the Anacortes High School racing team.) For information on this very worthwhile organization, contact Matt Halliday at: [director@anacorteswaterfront.org](mailto:director@anacorteswaterfront.org).

Now, looking forward to the March zoom dinner, let our thoughts turn to cruising in our boats. And, while we wait for the boating season to begin, who better to have as speaker than Peter Ricks. Peter is the Northwest Regional Manager for Novamar Insurance. We all know accidents happen, and having the right coverage for your vessel, your crew, and even the other boat or the environment is crucial. (Does your umbrella policy cover a fuel/oil spill from your boat, for example?) We will get these kinds of questions answered. Pete is also the Past Commodore of Tyee Yacht club, holds a US Coast Guard 100 ton Master's License, and is an all around very interesting guy. Please plan to attend on Thursday, March 25 at 6:55 PM. You will not regret it!

Kathy Ramsay

## **From the Rear Commodore: Dean Felthaus**

February brought us rain, high winds, and even snow. Despite this we continue to see light at the end of the COVID tunnel and many have now received their vaccine shots. We have also shared important time together with our zoom wine tasting events.

On February 16, the Wilshin's hosted a sherry tasting, comparing the Fairbanks California Cream Sherry and the more expensive Harvey Bristol Cream. The Harvey Bristol Cream overwhelmingly won the favored tastebuds of our reviewers, but at less than half the cost, the Fairbanks proved to be an inexpensive alternative worthy of consideration.

Mary Robbins added that sherry is a fortified wine of Spanish origin made usually with white Palomino grapes. But darker and heavier sherries such as Amontillado and Oloroso, have been allowed to oxidize further as they age in their barrels. Sherry goes well sipped with appetizers, main courses, and deserts.

Earlier in the month, the Kuhn's hosted a port tasting which provided a nice comparison to the sherry. Heartfelt "thank you's" to the Kuhn's and Wilshin's for hosting these events. I also want to thank Tom Hopper for extending his football passion in putting together the Super Bowl drawing. Tom says he will announce the overall winner at the next inhouse Seahawk gathering.

As always, I encourage participation in our vibrant Book Club and Threads and Yarns Club. Participation, as you can, in all these events is important for the vitality of our club as well as for our health as we navigate through Covid together.



## **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.



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@gmail.com](mailto:joannewilshin@gmail.com).



## **Threads & Yarns**

Threads and Yarns holds Zoom meetings at 1:00PM on the 1st and 3rd Monday every month. At times, a dozen of us are sharing progress on our hobbies along with enjoying lively conversation. All are welcome and encouraged to join us. Let Mary Robbins or Barb Hylton know if you want to be added to the group email list. Hope to see you!

## **FYC Facebook Page**

Do you like celebrating others? Then the Fidalgo YC Facebook page might be a fun place to engage alongside other FYC members. Birthdays, Events, Wine Tasting, Threads and Yarns, Book Club and other happenings are shared as they occur. As well, each week there is a DOCKSIDE DISCUSSION on topics related to cruising for all to participate and learn from the extensive knowledge and expertise amongst our members. Please reach out to Lauren Corson, our administrator, to join the Fidalgo YC private group by either email [laurencorson777@gmail.com](mailto:laurencorson777@gmail.com) or a phone call 206.719.5559 to come aboard with FYC FB fun times.

The 2021 Directories will be ready for pick-up starting next weekend. There are set times for you to come to the club for a 'drive through' pick-up at the lower door. Please drive up, with your mask on, so we can hand you your directories and you can make payment, if necessary. We will then send you on your way with the 2021 Directory!

For those of you who see other members on a regular basis, please consider picking up their directories, too. But if you do, please let them know in advance so that they do not also come to get their book.

We will be contacting the Post Office to get prices for shipping for those of you who are not, and will not be in Anacortes within the next couple of months. We will be emailing out directions (payment for postage / envelopes, etc.) for you to follow if you are in this group.

This year's Directory is organized differently. After using it a couple of times, we hope that you enjoy the changes and the bigger print! Let us know what you think!

**PICK UP TIMES @ CLUBHOUSE**

**SATURDAY MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup> @ 4-5 PM**

**MONDAY MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup> @ 4-5 PM**

**FRIDAY MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup> @ 10-11 AM**

(Other dates/times will be set after we see how many books we have left)

Enjoy!

Liz & Wayne Weideman



Photo from Lauren Corson from cruising to Langley

## **Fidalgo Yacht Club Ship's Store**

Spring is on it's way and you may need new weather friendly clothing for your boating adventures. Visit our new vendor online. We hope this new endeavor will be easy and enjoyable for you. Please feel free to feedback to Kim and Rosemarie with your comments and suggestions!

Best Wishes, [kim@themccollister.com](mailto:kim@themccollister.com) and [rmwilson52@gmail.com](mailto:rmwilson52@gmail.com).

Click on the link below to access our new website from T-Shirts by Design. There are a number of pages from which to choose your items, colors and sizes. The store is conveniently located in Anacortes at 908 31st Street, should you need to visit and confirm a size or color. You may add an embroidery of your boat name for and additional \$10. Our personal contact at the store is Corinne, 360-293-8898.

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