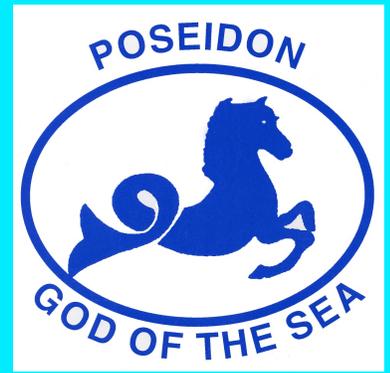




Poseidon

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 - April 7 at 10AM via Zoom. Contact Joanne Wilshin for the link.

April Cruise: Hunter Bay April 16-18.

Dinner Meeting - April 22 live at the Club! Reserve your place no later than April 12. We will be following COVID protocols. Masks Required.

Save the dates:
May 1 Dingy parade
May 20 Dinner meeting
May 21-23 Rosario Cruise
May 22 Picnic Clubhouse Parking Lot

From the Commodore: Tom Kuhn

Really good news: The Board has approved the reopening of the Club starting with the April 22nd dinner meeting. The reopening plan is based on the criteria released by the Governor. The Club will appear a bit different when you arrive – all to assure the safety of all members as we begin to get back to normal. We have installed plexiglass screens at the bar, 6-foot separation between tables, and 6-foot markers for the bar line and food line. When you arrive, pick a table, take a seat, and enjoy conversations with others at your table. Per the Governor, we won't be able to stand around and chat. Paper and plastic will be used for the dinner. Individual snack packs will be available at the bar. The complete reopening document will be sent out by Kim Saterlee and is also available on the members section of the website. We have been waiting for over a year to get back together – **WOW!** I'm ready! Pick your favorite mask, as it will be required except when eating and drinking. We know that you all will adhere to the guidelines so that we can continue our progress toward a full reopening.

This year the Seattle Yacht Club has moved "Opening Day" to a virtual event with the theme of "ROCK AROUND THE DOCK". I invited all our members a couple of weeks back to participate in planning FYC's participation. We have a plan. We will be decorating OTAVA to match the theme. Wayne Weideman and Jim Niehaus will take a short video of the beautifully decorated boat and send it to SYC to be incorporated into their virtual opening day presentation. We'll keep you posted on how you can see the virtual event. Speaking of opening day (May 1st), we will be conducting our own opening day parade. Liz Weideman came up with the idea of having a dingy parade right here in Skyline. More about that from Alan Smith, our Cruise Captain in this issue of the Poseidon.

The Nominating Committee is already at work filling Director and Officer positions for 2022. It's an honor to serve in these positions, if you are asked to serve, I encourage you to say yes. It is an opportunity to give back to the Club we enjoy so much.

The Financial Review Committee, made up of Bill Epler and Joyce McNeil, have completed the review of the Club books for 2020. They reported to the Board at our March meeting that all was in good order and that our Treasurer, George Hamlin, has done an exemplary job accounting for and reporting on the Club's funds.

Looking forward to seeing you all in April.

Tom Kuhn
Commodore

From the Vice Commodore: Kathy Ramsay

Great news - we will be having our first "in house" event at the club, the April 22nd dinner meeting! Since we are required to follow the Phase 3 Washington State Covid guidelines, this dinner will feel different and smaller than all those dinners past. You will see information about wearing masks, tables six feet apart, plexiglass protecting the bartender from the members, etc. etc. Please have patience as we navigate these new "waters". Just an opportunity to see your FYC friends again is a real blessing! The dinner flyer is in this issue of the *Poseidon*.

Our March Zoom Dinner speaker, Peter Ricks, of Novamar Insurance, was extremely informative on all things related to boat insurance. The title of his presentation was "It'll Never Happen To Me". We ALL know things WILL happen while out cruising. The stories Ray and I could tell.... But, Peter said the four points we should all remember are: 1) Read your Policy 2) Highlight any confusing bits - after all it IS a legal document 3) Talk to your agent and 4) Have your agent show you the actual coverages in your policy documents. He spoke of two different policy types - Actual Cash Value vs. Agreed Value. There was a LOT of information and he would be more than willing to discuss your policy questions. He's very approachable, knowledgeable, and I have his phone number if you should be interested. Thanks to the Landons for lining up our great speakers this year!

Coming back to land now.... we will be planning a May dinner meeting, which will be May 20th, a 3rd Thursday instead of the usual 4th. This is so boaters can get going a little earlier for their summer yachting excursions. More information will be forthcoming.

Kathy Ramsay
Vice Commodore



From the Rear Commodore: Dean Felthous

On March 2, the Hamlin's hosted the wine tasting event comparing two Pinot Noirs. The Willamette Valley Oregon representative was The Four Graces and it was compared to California's Sonoma Coast La Crema Pinot. The Four Graces came out on top, but both very good Pinot's. If you have not participated in one of these events, please do so. I found the differing comments describing the bouquet rather entertaining to say the least. Thank you, George and Mona! The Robbin's will once again be sponsoring the next tasting event on March 30, with two white wine selections, so stay tuned for details. Special words of gratitude to all who have stepped up to sponsor these zoom wine tasting events over this last year. You have filled a need for us to stay engaged while we deal with Covid and this has been invaluable for our club.

Joyce McNeil has been busy planning a schedule of great Special Events going forward. Now that we are finally in Phase 3 of the recovery, the first one will be an introduction back to normal with an outdoor event. On May 22 Lisa Wallace will be spear heading a bring your own picnic lunch and chair event at the upper lot incorporating Covid compliant protocols. This will be fun... certainly different!

Speaking of outdoors... Mindi Sorensen is now also getting the FLRTS Rowing Club active once again. Do not miss her updates of what is going on. This club is a great way to satisfy your desires to be on the water, while getting some good exercise (and possibility developing some new skills) and fostering friendships with your club members at the same time. You newer members must check this fun club out! All interested are encouraged to visit the OARS website at oars.org or give Mindi a call directly at 360-202-0855.

-Dean Felthous

In Person Activities At the Club! Welcome Back!

Join us for a **“Reopening Dinner” at 6:00 LIVE** at the Clubhouse on Thursday, April 22nd. The Board has taken every precaution to assure we can enjoy each other’s company, while adhering to COVID 19 reopening protocols. So pick your favorite mask and join us for lasagna, salad, garlic bread and dessert. The flyer with more detail is in this issue of the Poseidon. Questions? Feel free to contact Dianne Kuhn at dkuhn5204@comcast.net or 360-298-1229. Hope to see you then!

Ahoy FYC Mates! Please save the date of Saturday, May 22, from 4:30pm-6:30pm, for a bring your own picnic event to be held in the upper clubhouse parking lot. The bar will be open with service provided outdoors for safety concerns for everyone attending. You will just need to bring your chair, food, plates, napkins, and plasticware. Please join us for a long awaited reunion of friends and camaraderie. For more information or questions, please contact Lisa Wallace at lisabeach1218@gmail.com.

Thank you!

Lisa and Tom Wallace

April Cruise!



As you have heard, the Roche Harbor Cruise that was originally scheduled for April 16-18 has been cancelled. In its place we are having an anchor-out cruise to Hunter Bay for those who want to get out on their boats and see their FYC friends. The cruise will be super informal, but we are planning on having ‘on the water’ happy hours. So, make sure that you bring appetizers and beverages for yourselves. Happy hours will start at 4:30 PM and will be around MOSEY on the first day. Just come in your dinghy and tie up! We are also hoping for weather nice enough to get out for a group paddle around the bay, so make sure that you bring your kayaks or SUP boards.

We will be watching the weather and may move the cruise dates a few days ahead or later for optimum conditions. The week before the cruise everyone will receive an email with additional information. If you have any questions, please call or email (360-770-9721 or wweideman@comcast.net) Liz or Wayne.



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.

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.

Let's Go Cruising!

Hello, FYC'ers. We're dipping our toes back into the cruising waters. Our goals are to be fun and safe while following the current state guidelines for each cruise. We have Cruise Captains already planning for casual cruises this summer. They'll look different, focused on anchoring and dinghy fun or marinas without formal group gatherings for meals, but lots of free time for small group or independent activities.

See Cruise Captains Liz and Wayne Weideman's article for their upcoming cruise plans. John and Colleen McIntyre are tentatively planning for a May 21-23 informal cruise to Rosario. Save the date!



FYC Opening Day Dinghy Parade

"On the Boat Again"

Come rain or shine, join us on May 1st, for our opening day dinghy parade. The theme will be 'On the Boat Again' to help kick off the boating season. This will be a fun, informal dinghy parade around the Skyline Basin. We will meet at 3 PM off the fuel dock with decorated (on not) boats **no longer than 18 feet**, before parading around the fingers and docks.

To share in the fun, we are inviting members of the Flounder Bay YC (Condo 18), Condo 17, and anyone else with a dinghy, kayak, or small craft who wants to join us. We are also inviting all Skyline neighbors to come out and watch us parade by. If you are comfortable with (and can safely) invite other FYC members onboard your dinghy, please do, as not everyone has a dinghy in Skyline.

After the parade, weather permitting, we would like to raft up off Tugboat Park for a happy hour. So, plan to bring refreshments to share with those people on your dinghy.

While you are not required to sign up, we would appreciate knowing if you plan on participating. A few days before the parade, we will send out an email with more details. If you have any questions before then, please contact Liz or Wayne Weideman at wweideman@comcast.net or 360-770-9721.

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Opening Day Dinghy Parade

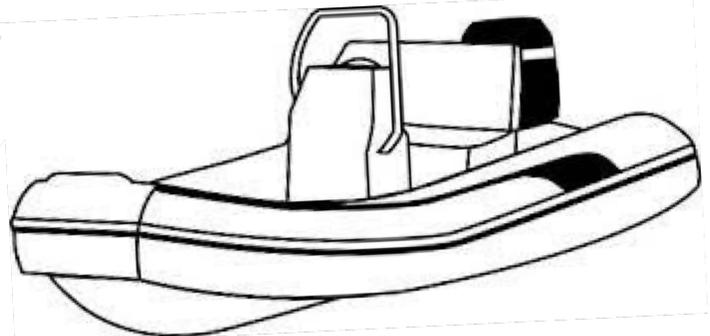
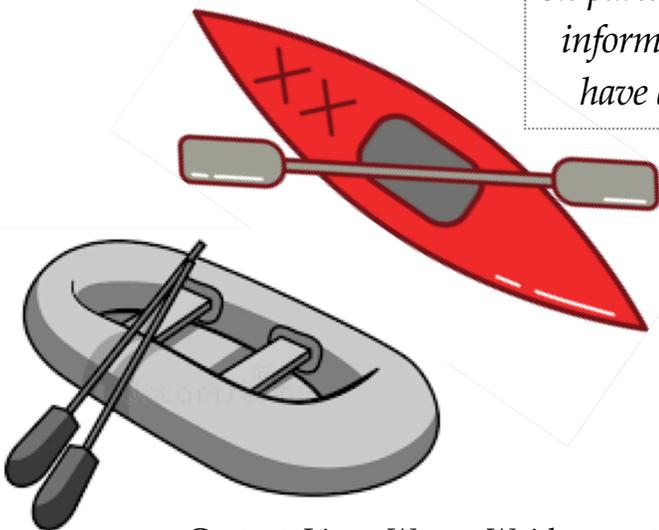
May 1, 2021
Skyline Marina



Okay, Here's the plan:

- If you'd like, decorate your dinghy or other small boat (and/or yourself) to the theme of 'On the Boat Again'. Flying burgees and wearing Yacht Club gear is encouraged.
- Meet near the fuel dock in Skyline Marina at 3PM on May 1st, rain or shine!
- Follow the Weidemans around the docks and fingers of the Skyline basin in a floating parade.
- We're going to skip the ceremony of saluting the Commodore(s), judging boats, etc. in favor of simply having a good time on the water and getting the cruising season started.
- Following the parade, if weather allows, we'll raft up in Burrows Bay off Tugboat Park to enjoy refreshments that you've brought for those on your own boats.

There is no cost or need to sign-up, but we would appreciate hearing from you if you are planning on participating. Look for an email with more specific information a few days before the parade, but if you have questions before then, contact Liz or Wayne



Contact: Liz or Wayne Weideman at wlweideman@comcast.net or 360-770-9721



It's time to reopen and we're ready!

Join us for a casual supper on Thursday, April 22nd at 6:00 PM at the Clubhouse.

Grab your favorite mask and head to the Clubhouse for supper – we'll be featuring lasagna, salad, garlic bread and dessert. We are all eager to get together and chat, so we are forgoing a dinner speaker for this first event.

You'll notice some key differences as you arrive to assure safety for all:

- Check-in is provided at the parking lot level to assure social distancing up the stairs*
- Tables are spaced 6' apart
- The bar features Plexiglas barriers between the bartender and the customer
- Food will be served from the galley counter
- Both the line for the bar and for picking up your dinner are marked for 6' social distancing
- All serving items for dinner and sipping are paper and plastic

We also request that you find a seat upon entering and enjoy catching up with those at your table. The Governor's protocol calls for no standing in eating & drinking establishments, including private clubs. Masks are required, except when eating and drinking.

We are confident we can all follow the rules, assuring that we can continue to offer in-person events at the Club.

Please return the registration form (below) to Dianne Kuhn, 5204 Maritime Lane, Anacortes 98221. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me at dkuhn5204@comcast.net or 360-298-1229. Please respond no later than **April 12th**. To use your credit card, click on the following link: <https://www.fidalgoyachtclub.org/store/c2/Events.html>

See you on the 22nd!!

* Members who have difficulty with the stairs are invited to enter through the upstairs door.

Members: _____

Preference: Vegetarian Lasagna----- Meat Lasagna _____

Payment: \$10 per person _____ enclosed. Send to Dianne Kuhn, 5204 Maritime Lane, Anacortes, WA 98221 **no later than April 12th**. Thank you!