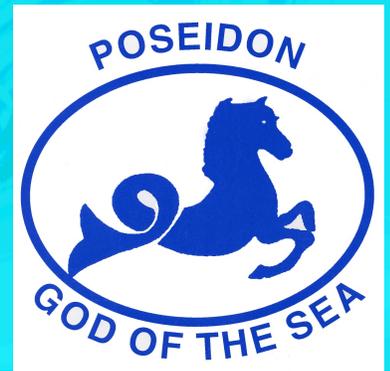




# Poseidon

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** - January 6 at 10AM via Zoom. Contact Joanne Wilshin for the link.

To pay dues online click below.  
Make online reservation here or pay dues here.

### From the Commodore: Tom Kuhn

Thank you for the honor to serve as your Commodore for 2021. If you were unable to join us for the Zoom ball on December 5<sup>th</sup>, you missed a wonderful event. Marlene and Liz did a masterful job putting the event together without a hitch. Tom Hopper led us in the pledge, Fred Kaufhold gave an appropriate invocation. Torben Mann did a gentle roast. I was pleasantly surprised when our 3 sons individually came on the program and shared their cruising memories. What a special evening

Wow, here we are in 2021, as the song in Annie says "the sun will come out tomorrow". The vaccine is on its way. Di and I are looking forward to the day we can all get back together at the Clubhouse and on the water. Hopefully that day is just around the corner or only a couple of months away. Until then, volunteers are creatively planning events via Zoom to keep us all in touch! We look forward to "seeing you!"

A big thank you to the members who have stepped forward to make 2021 a dynamite year. In the meantime, we should all remain very mindful of our surroundings and contacts, remain safe and healthy.

Tom Kuhn  
Commodore



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

It's hard to believe it is 2021, but I personally am glad 2020 is in the rear view mirror. We are hopeful that everything will get back on track in the coming months, and are making plans now for "Zoomer" events short term, and in-person dinners, special activities and importantly, cruises, in the longer term.

I would be remiss not to mention the masterfully put together 2020 "Covid Commodore's Ball" last December. My team of the Weidemans and the Niehauses went above and beyond to produce a wonderful "contactless" celebration for incoming Commodore Tom Kuhn and his first mate, Di. Kudos to all! And to have that followed by the White Elephant Exchange zoom party by the Robbins was added fun.

Also, near the end of December was a very informative zoom discussion of the Waggoner's Guide to cruising the PNW. Leonard and Lorena Landon (FYC members) and Mark Bunzel are fountains of information, and the guide is a must-have tool for boaters here. Leonard and Lorena are also lining up our FYC dinner speakers for '21. Our first "dinner" is January 28, starting at 6:50 PM. The zoom presentation is by the Westcott Bay Shellfish Company from San Juan Island. Perhaps you can enjoy a meal of crustaceans and mollusks at your home while listening to speakers Andrea and Erik Anderson, the owners. We will have additional speakers for the coming months. Stay tuned!

I look forward to serving as your Vice Commodore in 2021. For you newer members, the Vice Commodore is responsible for and oversees the monthly dinners, operation and maintenance of the clubhouse and bar, and production of our directory, among other things. We are always looking for volunteers to help and if you have any questions about Vice activities, please feel free to contact me.

Happy New Year and Stay Safe!

Kathy Ramsay, Vice Commodore

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

It is an honor to be your Rear Commodore and I hope I can earn your respect and help maximize your Club experience going forward. Rosemarie and I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know many of you and cannot wait to get further acquainted with those that we have not yet had the privilege to get to know better. We moved to Anacortes in 2017 from Mill Creek, WA. We are both retired and have a classic 44' Tolly ("Graceful Spirit") that we look forward to cruising more in with our two mini labradoodles, Parker and Piper. We both feel joining the club and enjoying others friendship and common interest in Cruising our beautiful waters is a blessing.

As Rear Commodore the following Events/Clubs come under my responsibilities.

### EVENTS

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

Ken Goodwin 206-300-6200  
Joyce McNeil 425-501-8337  
(Marlene Niehaus, Mentor)

Bar Night Educational programs, TBD

Game Nights, (no Zoom) Carl Bergan and Linda Page 360-395-5775

Seahawks Game Day, Tom Hopper  
206-406-8196

### CLUBS

Book Club  
Joanne Wilshin 360-707-1130

Threads and Yarns  
Mary Robbins 253-229-4087  
Barb Hylton 360-961-1083

FLRTS Rowing  
Mindy Sorensen 360-202-0855

Communications  
Kim Satterlee 360-299-3471  
Wayne Weideman 360-708-0496

Expressions of personal gratitude to these individuals for volunteering their time and expertise in leading these positions. Please feel free to contact them with any comments or interests you may have to become more involved and please be open to helping the club if called upon to turn loose your God given talents and have a great deal of fun.

Activity Plans are in place to stay connected and still be safe with COVID-19 and at the same time we will be ready to resume some of our popular activities and perhaps new ones as well when that time presents itself.

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

Joanne Wilshin



## Threads & Yarns

Threads & Yarns has changed its Zoom meeting schedule to be the 1st & 3rd Mondays at 1 pm. The next gathering is 1/4. 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** concluded the year with two sparkling wines and was hosted by Al and Sue Smith. Sixteen members joined them to sniff, taste, and evaluate the wines. The Mumm Napa Brut Prestige from California received ratings of 9-18 of 20 total and the Gruet Brut from Albuquerque, New Mexico, received ratings from 15-19...and it was tasted first. Who knew that there were vineyards and wineries in New Mexico? The next wine tasting will be hosted by Tom Hopper and Janet Lien on Tuesday, January 5th at 5 pm. Tom & Janet will soon be selecting the wines to be tasted so watch your emails and plan to join the fun!



## 2021 FYC Membership Cards

Members who have paid their 2021 dues can find their new membership cards at the club. I will put your cards at the top of the stairs in your name badge holder sometime during the week between Christmas and New Year's. If at any time during the year you misplace them and need a new one, please me know.

Liz Weideman

## Welcome 2020 Members!

Eric & Julia Addison  
Janet Backe  
Doug & Connie Dorsing  
Greg & Jan Light  
Nat Nord & Anita Reetz  
Skip & Sondra Peters

Let's hope that 2021 will be a time in which we can all gather and get to know each other better once again!

## 2020 Zoom Ball Commodore's Ball



## 2021 Bridge

Tom Kuhn, Kathy Ramsay, Dick Felthaus

