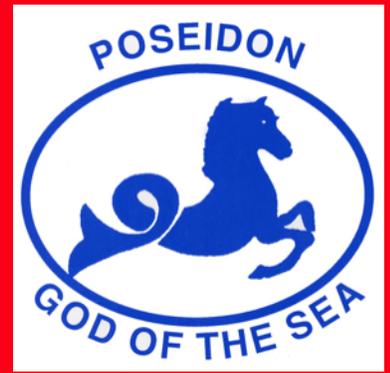




November/ December Edition of the Poseidon

**The Newsletter of the Fidalgo Yacht Club
Anacortes**



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Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars

- 11/3 - Book Club
- 11/15 - One Fathom Wine Club
- 11/25 - Happy Thanksgiving
- 11/29 Decorate the Clubhouse
- 12/4 - Change of Watch Ceremony
- 12/11 White Elephant Gift Exchange
- 12/25 - Merry Christmas
- 1/1/2022 Happy New Years

Make online reservation here.

From the Commodore: Tom Kuhn

The zoom Annual meeting on Thursday October 28th wasn't the same as having all of you in person at the Clubhouse, but we accomplished the tasks at hand. The 2022 Budget and the Bylaw changes were approved. The 2022 budget included Board approval to dip into the investment account if needed due to the unforeseen effects of Covid. We will make every effort to cover expenses with regular activities.

I would like to welcome the 2022 Bridge: Kathy Ramsay, Commodore, and John Buchanan, Vice Commodore. The Rear Commodore position is open. Four new Board members, beginning two-year terms are: Joyce McNeil-Treasurer; Alan Smith, Bob Salmons, and Tom Wallace. Reid Meyers has agreed to serve a second term.

The first Bylaws change was to allow the Board to meet via telecommunications or in-person at the discretion of the Commodore. The second change was designed to provide support for the Vice and Rear Commodores in carrying out their duties. This change was a strong recommendation of the Past Commodores, which I convened in May to address issues of volunteer recruitment and hesitancy to step forward to a Bridge position. As a result, we now have a support group, comprised of Past Commodores and Directors, who will assist in identifying dinner and activities volunteers. Past Commodores Lee Patza and Dianne Kuhn joined forces to design and deliver an orientation for the Bridge and Directors. We have had two sessions and I am enthusiastic about the willingness of our Past Commodores to step up and continue to serve.

We still have several fun activities before the end of the year. A couple of favorites: the White Elephant Gift Exchange, which is always a laugh, and be sure to put December 4th on your calendar for the traditional Change of Watch Ceremony. We won't be dancing at the Beach Club, but we will welcome our new Commodore in style.

This is the last Poseidon of my Commodore's year. I want to thank each of you for making my past three years so enjoyable. I certainly appreciate all the support I have received. It has been an absolute honor to serve the Club. What a wonderful group of folks, thank you.

Tom Kuhn, Commodore

News from the Vice Commodore - Kathy Ramsay

It's hard to imagine this being the last column as Vice. Although Covid has and continues to rear its ugly head, we managed to have some monthly dinners and speakers, along with bar nights. Many thanks to those that volunteered and made those events possible.... and to the members that attended, and the guests they brought.

I also want to thank the members for approving my 2022 budget at the annual meeting. It was very much appreciated. Although we budgeted for a 75% activity year, the bridge is going ahead with planning for a full year of cruises/dinners/special activities. Please volunteer to head up an event, help at an event - all hands on deck 😊.

John Buchanan will be your Vice Commodore in '22. I couldn't have left the Vice position in better hands. If he has questions, needs volunteers, please step up and help. Thanks!

I'll end my column with the toast I made at the conclusion of the annual meeting:

MAY OUR YACHT CLUB BE FULL OF GOOD FOOD, GOOD DRINKS AND GOOD TIMES.

MAY OUR BOATERS ENJOY CALM SEAS AND FANTASTIC VOYAGES.

AND ABOVE ALL, LET US MAKE GREAT MEMORIES ON LAND AND SEA.

A TOAST TO FIDALGO YACHT CLUB! 🍷🍷

Kathy Ramsay

News from the Rear Commodore - John Buchanan

It has been busy but exciting getting up to speed on the various functions of the club.

We still have a few special events upcoming this year that should be fun. There will be the annual White Elephant Gift Exchange on December 11th that is being hosted by Joyce and Ken along with their team. And we have regular Bar Nights that are almost every Saturday night at 5pm. Check the FYC calendar for details.

I would like to thank Joyce McNeil for leading Special Activities this year, Dianne Kuhn for juggling the Commodore Welcome event on December 4th and Tom Hopper for taking over the RC role for several months. There are certainly many others who have contributed many hours this year to help with dinners, bartending, special events, clubhouse needs, cruises, etc.

I look forward to moving on next year to the Vice Commodore role, and urge you all to help out when asked to serve this great club. Thank you!

John Buchanan
Rear Commodore

John



FYC 2021 Cruising Wrap Up from your Cruise Coordinators

COVID tried to keep us at the docks, but boaters gotta boat! We thank the great FYC members who dreamed up our fun and safe casual cruise options, and made them happen this summer. Crabbing, dinghy parading, mask making, enjoying friends while BBQ'ing on the party barge...it was an excellent summer. Kim and Steve Woodward take over the Cruise Coordinator role for 2022. When they or a Cruise Captain ask if you would like to be on a cruise planning committee say "Yes!" It's a great way to meet members and get involved.

But wait, don't stow the boat gear quite yet. Fall on the water can be spectacular. Winter boating is its own special joy. If you see a weather window, or are thinking of an outing, spread the word. The more the merrier!

Al and Sue Smith

2021 Casual Cruises and Captains

April 16-18	Hunter Bay Casual Cruise Cruise Captains: Wayne & Liz Weideman
May 1	Opening Day Dinghy Parade in Skyline Marina Cruise Captains: Wayne & Liz Weideman, Tom & Dianne Kuhn
April 30-May 2	Rosario Casual Cruise Cruise Captains: John & Colleen McIntyre
July 15-18	Crabby Cruise to Hunter Bay Cruise Captains: Wayne & Liz Weideman
October 1-3	Friday Harbor Casual Cruise Cruise Captains: Al & Sue Smith

Ship's Stores:

Ship's Store invites you to check out the new additions to our clubs special webpage. After logging in, find the Ship's Store icon and click on "click here" to shop for clothing and accessories from our Anacortes vendor, T-Shirts by Design. Two new items requested by members include Pet Scarves and a Zippered Cooler.

Should you wish to purchase a new burgee or other item in our clubhouse bookcase, feel free to contact us.

Best Wishes.
Kim McCollister and Rosemarie Wilson





Join us for the Change of Watch Ceremony
to honor 2022 Commodore Kathy Ramsay

at the Clubhouse on December 4th

Doors open at 2:30

Ceremony at 3:00

Light appetizers will be served following the ceremony.

Join us to share FYC's traditional ceremony in our Clubhouse this year, as we make accommodations for the current environment. The bar will be open at 2:30 so we may all toast the new Bridge at the close of the ceremony.

We look forward to seeing you on the 4th --- leave those tuxedos and long gowns in the closet! There is no charge for the event.



Threads & Yarns

Threads & Yarns has met twice at the clubhouse in October and while our numbers were small, the conversations were lively and projects were worked on! Susanna Epler showed us how to make lavender wands, Mary Robbins used her die-cutting machine to make autumn wreaths for holiday cards, Sue Smith worked on all things for their new grandbaby, and Mona Hamlin made large autumn colored potholders. T&Y and other interested members will be decorating our clubhouse for the holidays on Monday, 11/29 at 1 pm. Would you like to decorate a window or help with the tree? We will need members capable of bringing down heavy boxes from our attic storage too! We hope to have the clubhouse transformed in time for you to return home to watch the Seahawks game.

Mary Robbins & Barb Hylton

Book Club News

Book Club Day: Nov. 3, on Zoom, at 10 a.m.

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., 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 in notifications, please contact Joanne Wilshin (joannewilshin@gmail.com).

Our books through November are below.

November - [A Sail of Two Idiots: 100+ Lessons and Laughs from a Non-Sailor Who Quit the Rat Race, Took the Helm, and Sailed to a New Life in the Caribbean](#). Renee Petrillo

December - [Sooley](#), by John Grisham

January - [My Dark Vanessa](#), by Mary Elizabeth Russell

February - [Lost Boys of Montauk](#), by Amanda Fairbanks

March - [The Vanishing Half](#), by Brit Bennett



Come Join Our One-Fathom Wine Club!

We enjoyed tasting two Zinfandels earlier in October with hosts Kim & Steve Woodward. The first was 2019 Ancient Vine, Cline, Contra Costa County, Sonoma, CA for \$10.99 at Costco (\$14.39 Safeway) and it received an average score of 17 out of 20. The second wine was 2018, though some of us tasted 2020, 1000 Stories, Bourbon Barrel Aged, Mendocino, CA for \$15.29 at Safeway. It's average score was 14.5. Both would pair well with BBQ meats, spicy foods, and perhaps bacon!

Cheri Ault will be our host on November 15th at 5:30 pm. We will be tasting two dry Rieslings for the first time! -- 2020 Chateau Ste Michelle Dry Riesling Columbia Valley and 2019 Poet's Leap Riesling, Columbia Valley from Long Shadows Vintners Collection. Both will be available at Safeway for purchase. Look for an email closer to the date for more details!

Mary Robbins

