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January 2019

The Anacortes Yacht Club

Since 1891

January Calendar

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Club Open Every Friday at 17:30

January 1 - Tuesday
14:00 Rose Bowl Game

January 10 - Thursday
18:30 AYC Board Meeting

January 18 - Friday
17:30 Third Friday Fun Night

January 19 - Saturday
17:30 Commodore's Ball

January 25 - Friday
17:30 \$5 Dinner Night

January 29 - Tuesday
Evening Rotary Club Event



Meet your Flag Officers for 2019

Commodore - Bill Stone

I have spent my life around boats... starting with Hobie Cats and then moving on to power boating. Sam and I moved to Anacortes 6 years ago after weekend commuting for 25 years from Kirkland and Maury Island. We continue to find Anacortes the perfect spot to live. The experience has been made even more enjoyable with our membership in AYC.



Being your Commodore for 2019 will be both exciting and challenging. The club plays an integral role in Anacortes marine activities and we need to continue to expand our presence here. With pay down of the building debt, we have some potential opportunities such as the modernization of our kitchen and bar area.

I look forward to these challenges and ask you to join myself and the rest of your Board in this voyage.
-Bill Stone

Vice Commodore - Bob Neumann



I enjoyed this past year as the Rear Commodore with my primary responsibility being "Bruce's Bar". Yearly revenue was up, the number of new/returning bartenders increased by 23, members enjoyed seasonal beer and specialty drinks,
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Saying Goodbye to Long Time Members

December was a sad month for our membership as we have had to say goodbye to two long-time members:

Ruth Colby and Dan Howard.

Ruth and her husband Dwain joined the AYC in 1992 and were active members until very recently.

Dan and Diane have been members since 2013 and have spent many wonderful weeks enjoying their boat exploring the San Juan Islands and beyond.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the families.

Commodore's Ball January 19 ...a Night to Remember

Don't be left out. Make sure to make your reservations now. Dust off those tuxes (optional), polish your dancing shoes, ladies break out your favorite dress or just buy an new one! Be there to celebrate Walt Meagher's tenure. install our new officers and see who has won this years awards...and dance the night away to the sounds of the Savage Blues Band (formerly Johnnie and Moon Dogs that played for our ball several years ago)

See you all on the 19th!

Vice Commodore - Bob Neumann (continued from page 1)

our dinghy dock was profitable, and we had official visits from the Port Townsend, Mukilteo, and Swinomish Yacht Clubs.

Our 2019 speaker series in February begins with Dan Worra, Executive Director of the Port of Anacortes. He will be presenting the short/long term plans for the Cap Sante Marina. Other speakers through May will include service providers operating on our waterfront, Bering Sea fishing, and a 'safety on the water' presentation. For each general meeting I would like to present a favorite "Reciprocal Yacht Club" for the month. I am looking forward to fulfilling your expectations and having fun at AYC in 2019.

- Bob Neumann

Rear Commodore-John Sanford

I am thrilled to be the 2019 Rear Commodore and I look forward to meeting all of you during events we have planned this year.

Over the years I have met many of you at general meetings, Friday night dinners, and regatta kick-off parties-but I know there are still folks out there I haven't met and have no idea who I am. You see, I am what you call, a "racer". The term "cruising" for me was the leg from the finish line back to the dock. However, in my new capacity, I will say that I am willing and perhaps even curious to learn the ways of this alternative lifestyle called "cruising".

For the benefit of those whom I have not yet had the pleasure to meet; let me offer the following introduction.

I have enjoyed actively participating within the AYC sailing community since I came to Anacortes in 2004. My first AYC Wednesday night race was onboard Niels (Sr) and Kippy Strandberg's "CHARISMA" and following racing they kindly invited me to join them at the club for burgers. I immediately felt the welcome of home and the good fellowship of the racer fleet. It wasn't too long afterward I bought "JUAN PEQUENO" (SRJ24 #190) and Callie and I confirmed our membership in 2009 and 2011 respectively.



Rear Commodore-John Sanford*(continued from page 2)*

I have always enjoyed sailing and time on the water. I believe my love of sailing began in-utero, as my mother ably ran the foredeck on my father's PC#47 "HO TAI" on beautiful San Diego Bay. Some of my earliest memories are with my parents and their friends out for evening sails. I grew up as a barefooted blonde-haired boy on the docks at Coronado Yacht Club.

Sabots turned to Lasers and Lidos turned to Solings all the while I gladly accepted crew invitations to ride bigger and bigger boats of the day in San Diego. Soon my attention turned toward the biggest boats of them all; the US Navy. I honorably served my time as a naval officer learning ship systems and a few other things, and have been fortunate enough to put that knowledge to work over a span of twenty-five years providing marine and safety services to ships all over the world.

But it is here, in Anacortes, I have chosen to set my anchor and the Anacortes Yacht Club has played a big part in that decision. I have found many great lifelong friendships here and folks with whom I have also shared numerous wild adventures with on the water. And it is here that I have found my own ably gifted foredeck woman and loving partner in Callie Weber. And we have shared the wild adventure of raising her two beautiful daughters, Amanda and Allison. So there you have it!

Let's all have a terrific 2019. See you on the water!

- *John Sanford*

Secretary- Betty Gluck

My husband, Frank, and I are originally from St. Louis and lived in CA for 7 years before moving to beautiful Anacortes in the spring of 2017. Frank's love for boating came from years of boating in Missouri with his father, which later he shared that love with me. We realize there is nothing more enjoyable or sacred than being able to be on the water to explore, share, and relax.

We are the proud owners of a 42' Grand Banks named *Anna Pearl*. Anna is Frank's grandmother's name and Pearl is my grandmother's name-two very special people in our lives.

Since joining the Anacortes Yacht Club we have made some wonderful friends and are looking forward to finally getting out on the water for some fun with fellow boaters.

I am honored to be the AYC Secretary and to learn more about the club and contribute to the board in the upcoming year. Carry On!

- *Betty Gluck*

Treasurer-David Hansen

I learned to sail on an El Toro in a small pond and to race by crewing for my Dad on a Lido 14 in the Willamette River. Ever since those fond early memories, I have thoroughly enjoyed small-sailboat racing (especially Lasers and MC Scows). My parents Jim and Rosemary Hansen introduced my wife Christine and me to the club in 2015. We have participated in a range of club activities, and especially enjoy organized cruises with fellow members. Our Catalina 36 is our first big sailboat. We love the challenge and continuous learning opportunities associated with its upkeep.

My education and work background is in accounting, budgeting and planning. AYC Treasurer is a good fit for me, and I look forward to serving the club again in 2019. My simple goals are to facilitate prudent use of club resources and to provide clear financial reporting. By doing so, I will do my part for the long-term fiscal health of our club.

