



Propeller and Sail

Ketchikan Yacht Club Newsletter

August 2004

Current Soundings

KYC Club House Happenings

The Friday Night BBQ

At 4:30 p.m.

Sunday Morning Brunches

At 8:30 a.m.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Joseph and Helena Machini
Marvin McConnell
David Gray
Marvin and Lani Davis

The Next KYC Meeting

September 7, 2004

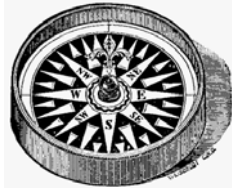
Potluck at 6 pm

Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Up and Coming

Events

KORC 11 – 15 August



Commodore's Comments

By George Porter

We have returned. Our new old boat is named *Andromeda*, a Davis Vashon 42 footer. We are moored at Bar Harbor Float 13, Stall 11. Anytime we are aboard is open house.

We departed Friday Harbor March 19 arriving in Ketchikan April 19. We visited 19 different ports and anchorages, with the longest stay in Anacortes. The hospitality in Canada was great and we made many new friends. We were also guests at the Friday Harbor Yacht club for the St. Patrick's Day dinner.

Since returning home we have been cruising both east and west Behm canal/

The new roof is on the clubhouse and looks good. The new gate is also built and looks great. The Vice Commodore advises that the galley stove hood should be installed this summer also. Being worked up is a bid for replacing the south wall and door frame which are deteriorating. Roger Maynard is starting work on the mast (flag pole), cleaning and re-rigging it. Volunteers will be welcome to help step the mast.

A very large thank you to all members that keep the yacht club active and a fun place to be.

I would like to point out to members that an aid to navigation has been established by the USCG on the west end of Danger Island in Tongass Narrows. Now you don't have to guess where the rocks are.

Complaints: Recent visiting boaters have expressed dismay at the condition of some of the boats at our Y.C. Float and stated that boats in this condition would lose their stall usage at their home YC. As Commodore, I appeal to all members to maintain their boats in a Seamanlike manner. It's like eating oatmeal; it's the right thing to do. Let's show pride in our YC and boats.

Before I go over the horizon again, I wish to thank all members that keep all programs running so smoothly. The Friday night BBQ, the Sunday Breakfast, the Entertainment, the sailing program and many other activities.

A special thanks to our Vice Commodore Kris Jensen for keeping all the cats in the same bag.

NAUTICAL TRIVIA

Who was the first man to sail solo around the world without a port of call?

Port Captain's Comments



By Roger Maynard

For years, Jack and Sheila Engstrom have contributed to the welcoming atmosphere around the clubhouse—Jack as Port Captain, and Sheila as coordinator for the many social events. Thanks, Jack and Sheila, for all you've done.

As of June, Jack has retired as Port Captain, and I've been assigned as the new Port Captain. It's not a bad job, really, lurking around the KYC facilities in the sunshine, greeting the transient boaters and telling tall tales. My impression this year was that the number of transient boaters is down from last year, but when we checked recently, the number is about the same as in previous years.

For those who haven't seen it lately, the clubhouse is looking good. Last year's paint still looks fresh, we have a new metal roof, and the gate has been replaced. The flowers Deb Davis planted have been thriving, and as a result we're probably the most photographed building on Stedman Street. This year, the clubhouse is even on the front cover of the telephone book!

We still have regular social events at the clubhouse, so stop by for a Friday afternoon hamburger (4:30 to 7:30) or a Sunday morning breakfast (8:30 to 10:00.) And many thanks to Sheila for helping to manage these events.

We do have some requests:

1. We need a volunteer for club steward each month. So far, only two people have signed up for the entire year, and sometimes the interior of the clubhouse looks a little disheveled. I don't mind keeping the docks and the outside of the house clean and orderly, but someone to give the interior a good cleaning once a week or so would be greatly appreciated. The sign-up list is on the bulletin board inside the clubhouse.
2. When the metal roof was installed, the contractor order two extra strips of metal roofing in case he needed extra. It also assures we have some spare roofing in case the roof is damaged by a windstorm or a runaway Krogen. We need someone with garage space to store the extra roofing—it's already crated and ready to transport.
3. Most of the boats on the float are maintained in a seamanlike manner. Two boats, however, draw continual derisive comments from locals and transient cruisers alike because of the apparent lack of maintenance, and reflect poorly on the yacht club. If the owners would spend only one half day washing and caring for their yachts, it would be greatly appreciated.

Have a safe and wonderful summer.

DOCK TALK SUMMERTIME

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By Sheila Engstrom

Here we are in the heat of summer! Just imagine all this heat. Jack and I are back from Hawaii and we brought the good weather to you.

We arrived on the day the club was in full Hawaiian dressroasted pig and all. Everyone was in good spirits and even though we were exhausted we feasted along with everyone else. Good Job...Good Party Thank You, Judith and her helpers!

The BBQ'S are in full swing every Friday; remember how much fun it is to go down to the club, eat, and see who else turns up. Lots of people collect around the old grill, and there are usually smiles on their faces.

Breakfasts are still going and a good hungry group gathers every Sunday morning. This year the task of finding cooks is much harder. Our club is known now for our breakfasts (and BB Q'S) many cruisers try to make both in their arrivals and then pass back though on their way south "to eat again". Our club is quite the social highlight. Word does get out (and all good) down

south. Please call Sheila 247 9334--to sign up to cook. The club pays for the food. We need cooks the end of August. Or call any board member and they will pass the word along.

Our commodore George Porter (and Gail) came back from "Outside" with a brand new boat, Andromeda.... They say they miss their sails---but love the comfort of their home away from home. In fact if anyone wants to get their attention -----they are on their boat.

Debbie Davis is a woman of many hats---she not only handles all the multi paper work for the club, but is our flower girl too. They look terrific Deb. ----and they are growing big (just like they should in Alaska.)

Would you believe, and I know for a fact our little Mink is still running past the club house under the ramp. She has a permanent route to places only known to her. Nice sight when you are porch sitting.

Speaking of sitting, you don't even have to sit to notice the two ravens. They are quite vocal, one has the voice of a barking dog, and the other sounds like a dripping facet. They have been around for years; they are still here! Nice

to know they made it through the winter.

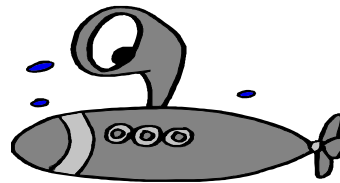
The club house looks very sharp with a new dark green metal roof. Perhaps it's the smartest new roof in town!

Big thanks to all those who are cooking Breakfast. A partial list includes, Emmy Newbould and Erik (cruisers who stayed the winter here), Hazel Aldrich and Sandy Terrell, Wilbur and Wanda Smith, Lisa and Karl Thompson, Rose and John Wellard, Roger and Barb Maynard, Jack, Chris and Allan Engstrom, Jim and Barb Hodgeman, Al and Mimi Kotlarov, Shawn and Donna Ryan, Judith Anglin, Linda and Gary Young (twice) with more to come.

And a BIG thanks to Barb Roberts who has been baking cookies and doing the setup for the Friday BBQ's.

Keep your prayers going for Herb Lee, and Mel Fedder, who are both facing different major health issues. Word is they are both doing better.

Keep the smiles on your faces...till next time. Sheila



Cruisers' News

Nice to get the April news update.

Raven is back in La Paz after sailing the islands north of here for the last four weeks. We had a magical time exploring each one and found many anchorages that looked like the Caribbean with white sand beaches and multi colors of turquoise blue water. The land side looks similar to that of Arizona and New Mexico. A beautiful combination.

We are scheduled to haul out May 6 to fix our cutlass bearing. Everyone we talk to has a different opinion about which of the four yards to use. We checked with them all and made the decision to go with Coast Marine. Hope all goes well. We found a cutlass bearing here at the local marine store - they had just one. Emil wants to raise the water line two inches on the stern while she is out. We're not sure which direction *Raven* will fly once she is out of the water but will keep you posted.

Monday May 10: *Raven* is sporting a new bottom job, a new cutlass bearing and is ready to soar. She is in La Paz and we will be provisioning today, checking out with the Port Authorities tomorrow, and will start heading south Wednesday. David & Christy Dykkested from Oregon will join us in Cabo San Lucas and sail north to San Diego with us. It will be wonderful having them aboard (and I've ordered southerlies for the month of June)

We will stop at some of our favorite anchorages for a couple weeks along the way to Cabo enjoying the white sand beaches and crystal blue water. We hope we can find a slip for *Raven* once we reach Southern California.

PS Please keep your emails coming. We love hearing from you. Please remember don't send photos, junk mail, jokes, or anything over one page at our sailmail address. Otherwise, use SusanOnRaven@aol.com. Susan and Emil Dopyera

Upcoming Activities and TO DOS:

- Please close the windows and lock the doors after use of the Clubhouse.
- The Wednesday Night Race Season is underway . . . it's fun to view the races from shore!

Dock Lines

- Welcome to new and returning members back to KYC dock for the summer season. . . remember to fly the KYC burgee on your boat!

Web Site

- Don't forget to keep checking out our website at www.ketchikanyachtclub.org

















KYC's next Meeting September 7, 2004



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Founded 1933

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| 16 | 17 Trustees' Meeting 7pm | 18  | 19 | 20 Alexander Archipelago Forest Reserve 1902  | 21 BBQ | 22  |
| 23 | 24 | 25  | 26 | 27  | 28 BBQ | 29  |

