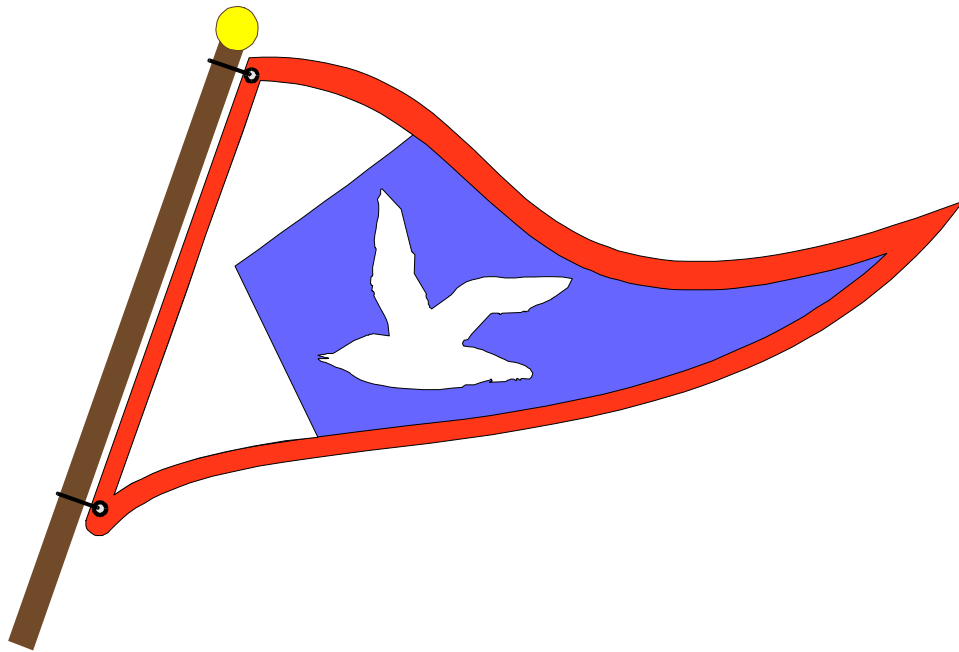


# The Log

Newsletter of the Squalicum Yacht Club, Bellingham, Washington



## Coming Events

Wed, May 26

Sat, June 19

Wed, June 23

Membership Meeting 1800 hours

Solstice Party TBD

SYC summer BBQ





## COMMODORE'S CORNER

*by Steve Glenn, Commodore*

Saturday May 1<sup>st</sup> was Opening Day and it was a beautiful sunny morning. Corinthian Yacht Club had a good turnout of people selling boat parts and marine equipment. I think maybe there weren't as many buyers wandering around as some years past, but it was a good crowd. SYC had its doors open and we were welcoming sellers and buyers to come in for coffee and pastries. We received \$362.00 from sales and donations. We spent \$95.00 on food expenses and deposited a net \$267.00 profit to the club. I would like to thank Kristi Champagne, Celie Thomas, Larry Grunden and Joyce Glenn for taking care of setup Friday night. Kristi Champagne, Rod & Susan Dean, Joyce Glenn, Mike & Kris Heintz took care of selling the coffee & pastries and making everyone feel welcome at the SYC Clubhouse. I would also like to thank David Imburgia, as Vice Commodore and Chairman of the Membership Committee, for greeting and welcoming people and potential new members.

Sunday May 9<sup>th</sup> was another beautiful spring day and we had an impromptu SYC Shakedown Cruise at Chuckanut Bay. We had 4 boats and 14 people. In attendance were *Joyful* with Phil & Jodi on board, *Kestrel* with Rod & Susan, *Papanam* with Randy & Lorretta, Paul & Margo Graf and John Robertson & Linda Tibbot, *Helen Marie* with Steve & Joyce, and Rocky & Kristi Champagne. Raft ups are great for getting to see each other's boats and for telling great boating stories. A good time was had by all. I would like to thank Rod and Susan on *Kestrel* for being the anchor boat.



Friday May 14 was still another beautiful May day. *Helen Marie* and crew with Joyce's sister on board took a day trip to Vendovi Island. Vendovi is a small island situated about half way between Eliza Island and the north end of Guemes Island. In the not very distant past Vendovi was owned by John Fluke. John Fluke founded Fluke Corporation which made electronic testing equipment. He passed away in 1984 and the family maintained ownership of the Island until it was purchased by the San Juan Preservation Trust in 2010. This saved the island from future development and opened it to the public. There is a caretaker who lives on the Island April thru September. The preserve is open Thursday thru Monday, 10am to 6pm. There is 70 ft. of dock and it is first come first serve. The 217 acre island has nearly 2 miles of well-groomed trails winding thru forested uplands leading to several panoramic outlooks and several beaches. There is a family cemetery with an impressive monument where John Fluke Sr. is interred. Vendovi Island is another Puget Sound jewel that is just a short boat trip away from Bellingham. It is well worth taking an afternoon to visit and enjoy.



*Vendovi Island photos*

It's been over a year since we had our last membership meeting. We have a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. It will be great to be back in the

clubhouse in the company of our friends and fellow boaters. SEE YOU THEN.

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## Cruises for 2021

*by Kristi Champagne*

Now that we are headed for full opening by the end of June, let's get serious about cruise planning:

May 9—Shakedown cruise to Chuckanut Bay, hosted by Steve and Joyce Glenn. 5 boats attended.

June 19—Solstice party (to be confirmed)

July 3-5—4<sup>th</sup> of July cruise. This cruise needs hosts and a destination. I'm happy to reserve dock space in Blaine but may not be here for the cruise. Anyone want to take care of this one?

August 25-27 Fisherman Bay Cruise

Hosted by Rod and Susan Dean. Needs co-host. You can make reservations for dock space at Island Marine Center now.

September 11-12 Sucia Work Party

Hosts: Paul and Margo Graf Co-hosts: Maura and Dale Griggs

If you are interested in hosting a cruise that is different than those listed, please notify Kristi Champagne, [kfchampagne@gmail.com](mailto:kfchampagne@gmail.com), 360 595-8345. If you are willing to host on July 4<sup>th</sup>, I'd love to hear from you. If you are headed out and would like some company let Lorretta Palagi know and she will send out an email for you: [lpalagi56@gmail.com](mailto:lpalagi56@gmail.com).

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## Bitter End Blog

*By Lorretta Palagi*

In response to an email I sent out about the sinking of the classic yacht Norwester, member Pat Anderson sent me this comment about a blog that members might be interested in: "My friend, Capt. Richard Rodriguez, has been reporting regularly on Norwester in his Bitter End Blog, his personal Facebook blog. There is a lot of other interesting stuff on Richard's blog as well, always worth a read. Richard is Director of Operations of Zenith Maritime and if you have ever needed a tow, you might know him from Tow Boat U.S."

I checked out his blog and it is indeed interesting. He reposts a lot of maritime news and it's nice to have it all collected in one place. One story in particular that caught my eye was one he reposted about the retired Alaska ferry Taku, which was sent to India to be scrapped. It was accompanied by a photo of the Taku sitting on a beach! He also posts about local towing operations he's been involved with.

To access Richard's blog, go to Facebook and search for "Bitter End Blog." And for those who want more information about the status of the Norwester, do an internet search for "King 5 Norwester article."

*The Norwester anchored off the northwest side of Henry Island. (Photo by Emma Corbilla.)*





## A Glance at the Past – the 2006s and 2007s



*Galley Crew having a good laugh  
Linda, Kris, John, Mike*



*2006 Scavenger Hunt  
Jack petitions for a change. 9-03-06*



*2007 Pancake Breakfast May 5  
Tom and Terry inspecting pancakes*



*2007 SYC Work Party at Sucia  
Adopt-A-Park Sign*



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Members are encouraged to submit boating-related stories to the *Log*. Please submit to [editor@squalicumyc.org](mailto:editor@squalicumyc.org) by the second Thursday of each month.



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