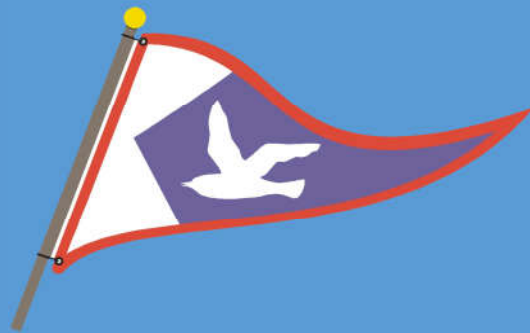


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SUCIA WORK PARTY 2025: IT WAS A GOOD TIME!

By Paul Graf

Last year SYC combined forces with the Flounder Bay YC of Anacortes to help as best we could to keep Sucia Island fresh and nice along with enjoying time with others who like spending time on the water like we do. We all had a very good time meeting old and new friends and there was interest in doing it again and the invitation was extended and accepted. So, we reserved Fossil Bay's large shelter for Sept 12 & 13, but the event largely carried through from Thursday to Sunday. To help things go along this year we had some members meet Friday afternoon to preview the projects Ranger Steve Sabine had in mind for us which was helpful to expedite things after a short briefing from him and a review of tasks to be done. It wasn't a perfect arrangement, but things seemed to go reasonably smoothly. Another time, we'll work on some improvements.

I would like to give credit to each person for the work they did, but it was near impossible to keep track with the large number of people, many of whom helped with multiple tasks. So below is a list of all the work that was accomplished along with a list of the boats and crews who participated. I hope I didn't miss anyone.

Indeed, a lot was done and with all the hands, it was completed in relatively short order. Steve seemed quite pleased with the results, which should provide some

satisfaction for everyone involved.

1. Two buildings and one side of a third located on the north side of the marsh were painted.
2. Four barrier logs were removed and replacements carried into separate campsites.
3. A good amount of invasive English Ivy was removed.
4. Gravel was hauled and placed to raise a trail at north Shallow Bay, above the mud.
5. Some trail repairs were done at the N-end of Shallow Bay Beach involving some rock and dirt reconstruction.
6. Upper road brushing – on the east road from Mud Bay to Echo Bay – most of a half mile of brush was cut back from the roadway for passage of their utility vehicles.
7. Several Fossil Bay campsites were trimmed and cleaned up.

At the end of the day, a good amount of work was accomplished. Credit goes to everyone who came. Not only that but there is hardly a better way to get to know people than working with them. I expect we all know a bit more about each other than we did when we arrived. I know each time I learn more than a little about some amazing talent and experiences shared among this bunch.

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Much credit goes to all of the following boats and crews:

FBYC Boats and Crew

"Loon" – Eric Hansen

"Loon" – aboard as guests were Kalista & Bill Dubiel

"Thistle Dew" – Tom Blackwood and Janis Bialko

"Salish Sky" – Paul and Allison Taylor

"Island Song" – Brad and Brenda McQuarrie

"Catching Rays" – Ryan and Sheila Ostrum

"Lalique" – David Markley (Coordinated cruise plans between FBYC & SYC)

SYC Boats and Crew

"Carol Lee" – Margo & Paul Graf (SYC cruise co-captains)

"Invictus" – Wade Hansen (SYC cruise co-captain)

"Helen Marie" – Steve & Joyce Glenn

"Gran Milonga" – David Imburgia & Celie Thomas

"David Ferguson" – Rocky & Kristy Champagne

"Sirena" – Rob & Sharon Wells

"Snug" – Marvin Kyle & Jill Mount

"Sally J" – Brent Carey with Friend, Travis & Travis' sons Ryan and John.

"Joyful" – Phil Terzian & Jodi Steel-Jones

"Wigeon" – Larry Grunden & Patricia Szabo

That's a strong showing no matter how you cut it. 15 Boats and 31 Crew if I counted right, and that includes a couple who came even though they couldn't stay for potluck!

AND THAT'S NOT ALL FOLKS!

Friday evening everyone convened at the large shelter for snacks and camaraderie where there was a lot of conversation between old and new friends and acquaintances. Then Saturday after a good day's work the camaraderie continued in a sit-down arrangement for potluck where we were able to really get to know each other better. The consensus from everyone that I talked to, including Ranger Steve Sabine, was – let's do this again. Moreover, the weather was perfect. . . I don't know about everyone else, but at home we ate dinner in a downpour! I hope everyone made it home dry like we did. IT WAS A GOOD TIME!

Finally, I haven't met an FBYC member who wouldn't make a worthy member of SYC, a fine group. I particularly want to thank David Markley, FBYC's cruise coordinator for Sucia, whose help, enthusiasm and ability contributed greatly to the success of this cruise.

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*Briefing from
Ranger Sabine*



Work Party Potluck 9-13-2025

*Potluck-
Tom, Janis, Brenda, Brad,*





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