

OAK HARBOR YACHT CLUB

View from the Bridge August 2021

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Tom Fitzgerald

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Commodore: Danny Kaiser



The first Whidbey Island Classic Regatta is in the books and can rightly be called a success. The race was the brainchild of Sail Fleet Captain Dave Steckman. His foresight and creativity brought about an event of which we can all be proud. Thanks also to Teresa Adkins for pulling a thread through the intricacies of the on-land side of the Regatta. Finally, a big thank you must go to all the volunteers who worked so hard. The food was great, games were fun, and music enjoyable. Thank you to all who played a role in making the Regatta happen!

I have really enjoyed seeing former members coming back to the Club on Fridays as guests for now, but also with talks of rejoining. I want to give a big "Welcome Back" to Ferd and Beth who were approved by the Board at our last meeting. We continue to get applications from prospective new members as well.

Our Island summer is moving right along. I know that a number of members will use August as a time to go cruising. Calm seas and fair winds!

For those of you not traveling, I look forward to seeing you at the Club.

Vice-Commodore: Tom Fitzgerald



July was a busy month with the 4th of July and Whidbey Summer Classic and our regular Thursday and Friday openings. We were going through the food, kegs and I was filling up my camera roll with pictures that I shouldn't print here!

Some members have been asking when we are going to open Wednesdays. We have had great showings for special events, but we are not up to our regular numbers for members showing up for Fridays. I believe that the numbers will come up soon, then we can look at opening another night.

The bid came in to replace the entire septic system, but it was quite high. We are having them write another bid for just a couple items.

I want to thank all the volunteers for making these events, and regular nights, a success! Speaking of volunteers, here are some guys coming in every Monday morning to clean.



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Stan Stanley

The following article about the origins of Race Week was authored by our late friend and longtime Club member, Stan Stanley. Now, 30 years later and following our first Whidbey Island Classic Regatta, it seems appropriate to reprint the article in his honor.

From the Vice Commodore;

This is a newsletter that ran in 1991 and written by Stan Stanley one of our great past Commodores. I wanted to share with all of you new and older members some of our past and the commitment that OHYC has always put into Race Week. It's you that make it great.

Whidbey Island Race Week Oak Harbor Yacht Club History and Tradition

By Stan Stanley Written in 1991

The Start:

Whidbey Island Race Week actually started in January 1982 at the Seattle Boat Show with a meeting of the assistant Publisher of Yachting Magazine, Roger Leonhardi, then Harbormaster, the Seattle Yacht Club, and myself. Yachting wanted to do a West Coast weeklong regatta like they had done at Block Island in Long Island Sound. Seattle YC had recommended Oak Harbor as an excellent site. After a visit by Yachting in January, a July meeting was set with Yachting's Publisher for final approval. Remember, at this time OHYC was meeting in the Odd Fellows Hall and the clubhouse was in the discussion stage. At the July meeting with Commodore Curt Bland, Oak Harbor city fathers, Chamber of Commerce, and Seattle YC a July 1983 date was set for the first Whidbey Island Race Week.

The Early Days:

It was a race to get the Club House ready for the first race week. The temporary occupancy permit was issued on Saturday morning of Race Week (some say with the intervention of the mayor). The first Whidbey Island Race Week had 78 race boats and it rained all week. The site was still a construction site and we kept dumping chips and gravel over the mud. Seattle YC ran the races and OHYC started their tradition of outstanding hospitality.

Memories:

The British Airways Stewardesses in their spike heels in the mud, Pusser's Rum Punch, volleyball in sailing boots, and I still get emotional at the memory of 78 major race boats going out to the first race at OUR CLUB. The event was such a success that Yachting made a commitment on the spot to return for a 1984 Whidbey Island race Week.

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The Yachting Years:

From 1983 until 1993 Yachting Magazine produced Whidbey Island Race Week. OHYC was the Host and Seattle YC conducted the races. During this time the event grew to a maximum of 175 boats in 1990 (we then limited the fleet to 150 boats). Whidbey Island Race Week was selected in 1986 by Yacht Racing and Cruising (now Sailing World) as one of the top 20 Mega Regattas in the world and again in 1987 as one of the top 10 regattas in the US. Additions included Reggae Night, the big tent, more sponsors, rock and roll, and more. The OHYC hosting and hospitality became as refined and professional as any top national event. The volunteer OHYC Chairpersons during this period were: myself 1983-1987, Curt Bland 1988-1990, and Northwest Marine Productions. In April 1994 Yachting called and said that they had been told by their new owners to "stop throwing those race week parties and start making money as a magazine." After much scrambling, Bob Ross, the J-Boat dealer and long time participant, Paige and I realized that there was no way to put on a fullblown Race Week in the short time. We had plenty of input from the racers that they REALLY would continue to support the event. So, we decided to have a reduced one-design regatta to keep Race Week alive until we could see if a full race week was feasible without Yachting. With Crows Nest as the sponsor we held the 1994 Grow's Nest Oak Harbor International One Design Regatta with forty-two boats. Everything went off without a hitch. In fact, it was such a success that Crows Nest agreed to be the title sponsor for the 1995 Whidbey Island Race Week. Stan, Bob and Paige formed Northwest Marine Productions and with Yachting's help, Whidbey Island Race Week was back on track. None of us really knew what we were taking on. We had all coordinated events but none as large as Race Week. The tasks of coordinating sponsors, VIP boats, sailors, registration, bands, race committee, yacht clubs, protest committees, security, tents, marina space, ratings, phones, electricity, volley ball, golf, trophies, bartenders, sound system, porta-potties, Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, Daily Newspaper, posters, race program, sponsor packages, skipper bags, wrist bands, registration, public relations, press reporters, TV reporters, advertising, coordinating with the Navy for tent and trailer sites and our employees from the gophers to the newspaper editor and writers, we were learning as we went through the first years. We established a virtual organization: Bob as public relations and race organization; Stan as site management, Oak Harbor Yacht Club liaison, and sponsor coordination; Paige as business manager and entry management (she keeps Bob and Stan from going broke!). Yes it's true that when we had our first corporate meeting Stan and Bob flipped a coin for the election of officers; Bob lost and is still President. Our objective was first not to loose money, then; if possible, generate a return for our effort. So far we haven't lost but we surely don't want to count our hourly rate on our return. Contrary to rumor, this is not a living wage job.

Support:

In accomplishing all the above, in addition to OHYC, I need to recognize the outstanding support given to Race Week over the years by the Oak Harbor Marina; Dave Williams and all of his staff: the Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce, whose staff fields all the calls about where to eat, sleep, shop and how to get here and Corinthian Yacht Club Race Committee who does a world class job of running races. As an OHYC member as well as with Northwest Marine Productions, I can't tell you just how proud I am of Oak Harbor Yacht Club and the volunteer contributions you have made to Whidbey Island Race Week. As far as I am concerned, YOU are the main reason for

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the success of Race Week. Yachting used to be amazed at your hospitality and coordination and we continue to be impressed. In addition to our sponsors and the racers, Northwest Marine Productions considers OHYC an integral and necessary participant in Race Week. Without you there wouldn't be a Whidbey Island Race Week.

We hope that we can show our appreciation by producing an event where you can have as much FUN as the work you put in. This has been my objective in discussion with all of the volunteer coordinators, who I would like to personally thank: Patti McKinnon, Chris Christie, Ardy Fragola, and Sally Jacobs. I would be remiss if I didn't also thank Linda and the OHYC Staff for all the assistance and support they have provided over the years.

Finally my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to ALL the Oak Harbor Yacht Club Volunteers past, present and future.

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Member's MUMBLINGS

Membership Pending:

Wow August already – been so busy with outings on our boat and club happenings that time just flew by! Hope all of you have enjoyed the summer so far.

We have a potential member brewing.... Jason Joiner is a former member and is interested in rejoining us!

Approved:

Missed them for a while but Ferd and Beth Johns are back! Woot!

Do you need of a new name tag or a new burgee? Let membership aka...

Crystal Fitzgerald know what you need, see below for pricing.



REPLACEMENT PRICES

Name tag - \$15.00 RUSH order is \$20.00

Burgee - \$30.00

YOUR INFORMATION

Changes... to your email, address, phone \ cell or any information please send to membership ASAP!

Thank you all for your continued support and love for the club.... So much potential just waiting to implode!

Ideas or questions regarding membership – please reach out to membership OHYCMembership@comcast.net or Crystal Fitzgerald personal email 13CFitz@gmail.com welcome all ideas, suggestions, smiles.....

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On Sale at the Ships Store

Real Deals on Apparel from Becky Powers

25% off all old products

Come check out the new apparel and get WSCR (Whidbey Classic) apparel before it's sold out. It's limited edition!



Need something special, let me know. *Becky* firecracker1012@gmail.com

Cruising Fleet Plans

Cruising Fleet Captain

Cruise Fleet Captain – Bruce Brown

Cruise to Kingston - August 20 – 22nd

We will be staying at The Port of Kingston Marina. From the Marina we are just a short walk to the Kingston/Edmond's Ferry and a hop-step-and-jump to local downtown fun-fare, which includes spectacular food, drink, and specialty shops. This trip is highlighted by eating at Sourdough Willy's Pizzeria, where the sourdough dates back to the Alaskan gold rush and is the oldest in commercial use in the Pacific Northwest and one of the oldest being used for pizza in the United States. Another great place is J'amie Les Crepes. The crepes are mouthwatering and they serve both savory and sweet crepes. On Saturday we can take the Ferry to Edmonds. On weekends Main Street in Edmonds is closed to allow pedestrian traffic to fill the street, giving shoppers more elbow room, and restaurants room for dining outdoors. There is a wonderful Farmer's Market and numerous galleries and distilleries and eateries that earned Edmonds the distinction of being the state's first recognized Cultural District.

Please contact Bruce Brown ASAP if you would like to join us: laraebrown@hotmail.com or (360) 682-6784

Coming up:

- August 20 - 22 / Kingston
- September 24 - 26 / Roche Harbor
- October 8 - 10 / Chilly Willie in Everett

For details on planned cruises, go to our website: <https://www.ohyc.org/cruise-fleet-schedule>

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Sail Fleet Plans

Sail Fleet Captain

WOW! What an incredible regatta we held last month! I was just the shot in the arm we needed! The first annual Whidbey Summer Classic Regatta was a success!

To pull off an event, that hosted over 100 racers, took an army of amazing volunteers! I would like to thank each and every person that helped, in any way, no matter the task! I have already heard great things throughout the sailing community and many will make plans to join us next year. Expect a bigger turnout and more fun next year!



We will be hosting a regatta recap meeting on August 4th at 6pm. Come share what worked and what areas we can focus on next year.

There is lots of Thursday Night sailing ahead. Come join us for the Sunburn Series followed by the Fall Follies Series (You crazy kids)!

See you on the water!
Dave

Happy Thursday Sailing!

Sunburn Series July 29 - August 26

Fall Follies Series Sept 2 - Sept 30

Weekly themed racing (Pirate, 80's, Pajama PARTY, Gilligan's Island, COSPLAY)

Toby's Run (Billy Wind Sprint) (Saturday) **Rescheduled TBD - 2020 Winner - Juan Solo**

Scott Cline Memorial Regatta - October 2-3

Check out the 2021 Sail Fleet Schedule & Information: <https://www.ohyc.org/sail-fleet>



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Social Committee Chairperson Jackie Cannizzaro

In case you missed this eblast. Mission Accomplished. The previously planned Sat July 31 Membership & Open House was postponed. New date TBD. It was such a busy weekend with Hydros for Heros we felt we could welcome the community at a later time with more panache and greater attention to our wonderful venue. As much as anything, our volunteers NEED A REST! If you were among them "Thank you!" They pulled off an amazing first annual Whidbey Classic Regatta. They worked above and beyond the call to serve the racers, members, guests and observers. What a fantastic time was had by all. So, to ask volunteers to return to duty again so soon was unreasonable. Stay tuned as to how the open house will unfold in the near future. The unintentional consequence of the regatta did score new membership interest. So Mission Accomplished for a membership open house. Lots of new friends were made and the Club and its members shown brilliantly. The slogan **"No Boat....No Problem! Sail - Cruise - Social Events"** is the theme of open house events and guest invitations.

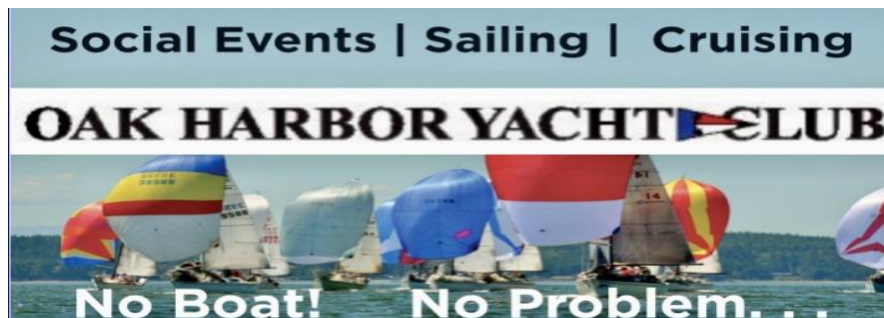


In the spirit of experiencing the broader yacht club community Ken and I attended the 130th Birthday Celebration of Anacortes Yacht Club, founded in 1891. Members, guests, boaters, non-boaters mingled around a fab meal. Their yacht club kitchen is the size of a closet with only a home sized dishwasher, range and a microwave. But thanks to member volunteers they fed 116 folks which was a miracle of hard work. Their volunteers have kitchen envy over the OHYC upstairs kitchen which many saw during our recent Regatta. Some of the greatest things done, are accomplished by volunteers – OHYC is such an example. We found common ground at this birthday event discussing how to sustain each of our volunteer clubs and show appreciation to those who help. So please thank a volunteer!

What can we each do? Bring guests to our club. OHYC shows beautifully. Have we taken for granted what a special setting, club house and ballroom we have? Share it!

Use your OHYC membership card other places. It gets you in the door of many Yacht Clubs near us. It is likely to increase your appreciation of OHYC. Visiting other clubs is a nice benefit to expand our social and boating connections. A new member applicant recently commented to me that while they don't have a boat they were joining OHYC because "boating folks are nice folks". I couldn't agree more.

History has proven that asking for volunteers by email or newsletter does NOT work! But I'd love you to prove me wrong by sending me a reply. Tell me you'd listen about occasional and infrequent volunteering for social events with me. Go ahead "make my day". jackiecan@gmail.com or 408-234-125



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OHYC Bar Specials this month

Drink Specials

- We Still have a few of our 3 white wines on special again this month for only \$7 a bottle, while supplies last. (Cedar Brook Sauvignon Blanc, & Maryhill Winemakers White)
- **\$2 beers: Alaskan Amber and Bud Lite Lime**

Looking
forward to
seeing you all!



Food Items on Sale

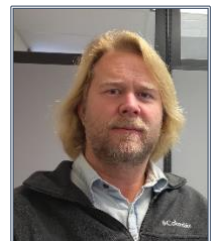
- 6 once Black Angus Hamburger, Cheeseburger, or Bacon Cheeseburger
- Super Size Hotdog
- Johnsonville Beer Brat
- BLT and Cheese on a bun
- 6 once Mahi Mahi sandwiches
- French Fries



Reciprocals

Reciprocal Moorage Captain

Reciprocal Moorage Captain is Jonny Johnson



Reciprocal moorage is a benefit afforded to our members by other yacht clubs. Typically, reciprocal moorage may not be reserved in advance and is available on a first come first serve basis.

To find out which yacht clubs provide reciprocal moorage with Oak Harbor Yacht Club, go to Yacht Destinations.
<https://yachtdestinations.org/forums/index.php?app=frontpage>

If you have questions, contact Jonny at: Jonnytar@hotmail.com 206-459-4422 [Reciprocals](https://yachtdestinations.org/forums/index.php?app=frontpage)

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Help Wanted!

It's Your Club.

Step up and Volunteer!

Help us make the club even Better.

PLEASE



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Newsletter Editor

We really need someone to take over the OHYC Newsletter. If the newsletter is important to you, please consider helping your fellow members with this important job. If you are willing to help let me know.

Club Historian

The Club Historian documents our fun with pictures and captions. If you like taking pictures, this might be a fun job for you.

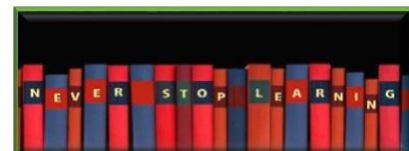


Club Marketing & Public Relations

This is an important job for the club and requires some past hands-on experience in Marketing and sales. Key elements are to keep the club in the spotlight within the community, advertise and also work with potential customers to rent our Ballroom for events.

Education Chair

Create seminars and Dinner and a Pitch events to enhance our members knowledge in Boating and the community.



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OHYC Calendar



2021 Calendar

August

- * Thursday race Night (6PM)
- * Thursday & Friday BBQ Night
- * Kingston Cruise
- * Dinner and a Pitch

September

- * Thursday Race Night (6PM)
- * Thursday & Friday BBQ Night
- * Roache Harbor Cruise
- * Dinner and a Pitch

October

- * Thursday & Friday BBQ Night
- * Scott Cline Memorial Regatta
- * Everett Cruise
- * Dinner and a Pitch

November

- * Thursday Burger, Race Training & Sailing Movie
- * Friday BBQ Night
- * Dinner and a Pitch

December

- * Thursday Burger, Race Training & Sailing Movie
- * Christmas Boats
- * 1st Annual Christmas Tree Lighting
- * Friday BBQ Night
- * Commodore's Ball
- * New Year's Eve Party

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