



Cartoon sketches by club member Gene Helfman

COMMODORE'S CORNER - MAY 2026

Ahoy Mateys ! For those of you who missed Opening Day May 1-2, It was a stellar event ! Fun had by all, with blind dinghy races on Friday: what a hoot. Several willing pairs raced with some difficulty ending up rowing in circles and some rowed a bit fast and crashed into the docks. Following all the laughter there was a good turnout for Happy Hour on the docks and on member's boats with all the socializing and connecting with friends that comes with it.

Saturday morning began with a beautiful sunny day, for the sailing race on Fishermans Bay. A slight breeze challenged the 14 pairs of racers on Vanguard 15's, vying for a win during successive heats. A big Thanks goes out to Barry Crist, our club's Sailing Chair, for his excellent coordination and directions for the races, all went smoothly. Barry has a re-cap on our website about the race with a few photos.

After a lunch break, we had a good demonstration on stern tying with Barry Crist, Joe Golberg and John Zaborsky, using John's boat and Joe's dinghy. Thanks so much to those three! We learned several ways to stern tie a boat in different conditions. Good info for all going on this summer's North Cruise. Next on the agenda, the "Margarita Contest" and boat tours on the dock including more fun and

laughter.

We ended the day with a Mexican Buffet at the Islander club gathering room including awards and kudos to all the folks from the bridge and club members making it an enjoyable weekend. Boating season has arrived in true style for our club. Special thanks and acknowledgement goes to our Vice Commodore, Mo Christ, for planning and organizing this event. She brings refreshing energy and enthusiasm to our Club's events. Thank you Mo !!

Next up our Club's Calendar:

Saturday, June 6: Clam Bake at Flat Point

Two short meetings after lunch for the Summer Cruise

And for the Commodore's Cruise participants

June 26-28: Commodore's Cruise to LaConner

**Deadline to sign up is June 10

Please email me at jenningsuzzi@gmail.com

If you plan on attending.

July 9- August 20: Three part Summer North Cruise

If you plan on part, any or all of the cruise

Please email Rear Commodore Renee Hanks

at reneemhanks@gmail.com She will send you

details for the cruise itinerary.

This months message in a Bottle:

There was an interesting article in the Seattle Times recently about the historic tavern in Ballard "The Sloop Tavern"

Many of you sailors might be familiar with this tavern

started by local fishermen, working folks and sailors 73 years ago.

The tavern hosts several annual sailing races and has a casual affordable "blue collar" yacht club.

Here is the link:

https://www.seattletimes.com/pacific-nw-magazine/ballards-sloop-tavern-also-acts-as-hq-for-a-blue-collar-yacht-club/?utm_source=referral&utm_medium=mobile-app&utm_campaign=ios

So, Yacht Club Mateys, as you know I run a "Tight Shipwreck"
That's it for now, see you out on the water!

Suzi Jennings

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