

## Lopez Island Yacht Club

P.O. Box 22 • Lopez Island, WA 98261

# NEWSLINE

## MAY 2011

### Happenings

- May Board Meeting  
Wednesday, 6:30  
May 4
- **OPENING DAY, MAY 7**
- Waterfront Festival -  
Anacortes  
May 21-22
- Cruise to Prevost Harbor  
May 28-30

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### COMMODORE'S CORNER

A great big thank you to **Dick and Barbara Reiswig** for hosting our April Meeting. Dick and Barbara also volunteered to sell tickets for the 50/50 drawing. Their enthusiasm produced an additional fun element to the meeting, while adding money to our club's coffers.

**Shanley Lett's** photo presentation of the "Year in Review" drew a huge crowd and was a rousing hit as members relived the cruises and club events of 2010. **Jim Lett** set up and ran the projector like a professional. The Lett team also had captions on each photo with consecutively funnier comments. Besides the usual suspects, the presentation included photos of a windy Opening Day, glorious weather during the season and billowing flags, changing cloud formations and foggy weather hindering the trip home from Rosario.

**Well, here we go again!** Hope springs eternal as we watch the weather leading to Opening Day 2011. While I have decided betting on the weather is like drawing to an inside straight, choosing the theme "The Beach Boys Do Alaska" is looking pretty good.

**Friday, May 6th, at 1700 hours**, we welcome boaters spending the weekend at the Islander Resort with an appetizer potluck on the dock. Some Friday Harbor Sailing Club members start their journey on the west side of San Juan Island and have to plan for tide changes and current shifts during the trip. Last year we saw some expert boatmanship during heavy winds at the dock.

**Saturday, May 7th, at 1100 hours**, fun and frivolity will prevail. "The Beach Boys Do Alaska" gives us latitude in dress, decorations and games.

Members of both clubs will attempt games we have perfected in the past and sailing contests that provide bragging rights. Additionally, the adventurous members will attempt some new hands-on Pipeline games entitled: "Wouldn't It Be Nice" (to have some Alaska Crude); "It's Fun, Fun, Fun" (when you know Specific Gravity); "Good Vibrations" (is caused by Pumping Oil) and "Help Me Rhonda" (with the North Slope leveler).

We will end Opening Day festivities with an Alaskan themed buffet and awards ceremony for the winners of events, games and sailing.

**Sunday, May 8th**, breakfast will be available in the Islander Lounge, then we're pointing our bows toward an exciting new cruising season.

I look forward to seeing you on the water.

*Jerry*

# What's Happening ?

## OPENING DAY OF YACHTING SEASON

### AT THE ISLANDER

With our friends from Friday Harbor Sailing Club

Friday, May 6

–Boat Check in

–1700 hrs Appetizer potluck on the Docks

Saturday, May 7

–1100 hrs Games and activities

–1800 hrs Dinner and Awards

–Immediately following—entertainment in the  
Islander Lounge

*For details, see the LIYC website or the April "Newslines"*

*Questions or miss the dinner reservation deadline?*

*Contact Jerry or Diana Hancock 360-468-3871 or email [jerryhancock@rockisland.com](mailto:jerryhancock@rockisland.com) or [dianahancock@rockisland.com](mailto:dianahancock@rockisland.com)*

### CRUISE TO

### PREVOST HARBOR

May 28-30, 2011

No reservations required.

Be prepared to raft or anchor.

**Don't forget your SPAM for the first  
LIYC SPAM carving contest**

Questions? Call or email Gary Zerbst  
468-4544 or

[zeman@rockisland.com](mailto:zeman@rockisland.com)

### AND COMING SOON.....

June 4 Flat Point Clam Fest

June 11-12 Cruise to Blind Bay,  
Shaw Island

June 17-19 Commodore's Cruise to  
Victoria

July 9 Fishermen Bay Raft-up

July 22-24 Cruise to Port Ludlow

Aug 19-21 Cruise to Ganges

Aug 27-28 Cruise to Garrison Bay

And much more

## A SIGN OF THINGS TO COME?

Connecticut Governor Dan Malloy's proposed 2012 budget adds significant new tax levies for boaters, eliminates the state boating fund and diverts boating registration fees into the state's general fund.

As written, the proposed budget would:

- Impose new sales taxes on marine services including repairs and storage;
- Impose a new 3% luxury tax on boats costing more than \$100,000
- Impose a new \$20 per \$1000 of assessed value annual personal property tax on boats. (Example: a boat valued at \$20,000 would be taxed \$400 per year.), and
- Increase the existing sales tax on both new and used boat sales.

History has shown that the proposed changes are likely to create a heavy burden on middleclass boat owners while failing to raise the expected revenue for the state. Three out of four boat owners have a household income under \$100,000.

Proponents also fear a loss of marine related jobs should these changes be approved.

While Washington State has not yet gone this route, we have defeated several similar bills presented to our last legislature. We will watch for further Washington State activity regarding boating.

BoatUS News Release 4/20/11

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Joe Golberg and Tom and Susan Patty have completed requirements for LIYC membership. Be sure to welcome them at our next LIYC event.

## LIYC MEMBERS EXCHANGE BURGEES

Next time you visit LIYC's meeting room at the Islander, check out the growing collection of burgees from other yacht clubs, including some from as far away as the Caribbean. Burgee exchanges have long been a popular way to document visits to other clubs and locations.

While Lopez Island Yacht Club is happy to display the burgees as part of our meeting room décor, LIYC does not have a formal burgee exchange program.

LIYC burgees may be purchased by individual members to exchange as they wish at a cost of \$22 at any of our general membership meetings or by contacting Jerry or Diana Hancock at 360-468-3871 or email [jerryhancock@rockisland.com](mailto:jerryhancock@rockisland.com) or [dianahancock@rockisland.com](mailto:dianahancock@rockisland.com).

## DUANE AND LORI TAYLOR

have applied for LIYC membership. The Taylors currently have 3 kayaks, but are interested in getting more into sailing.

Please introduce yourselves and welcome them at our next event.



**DO IT NOW OR PAY LATER**  
***TIPS FOR SAVING GAS***

With gas prices forecast to increase AND stay higher than last summer, here are 5 tips on spring commissioning that can be done now to save you money on gas all summer:

1. **Lighten the Load** is one of the easiest no-cost ways to save. Clear out all that junk that's been stored aboard.
2. **Get a tune-up:** An annual tune-up is a must
3. **Check the prop:** Props with little dings should be taken to a repair shop. Also discuss with your shop to ensure you still have the correct prop based on your current boating needs.
4. **Paint the bottom:** A new coat of bottom paint keeps fuel-robbing "green gunk" growth from adhering to your boat's hull, saving a lot of fuel.
5. **Check the trim tabs:** Unbalanced boats chew up gas. Ensure that trim tabs function properly. Check the reservoir for leaks.

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**NEW VESSEL REGULATIONS TO PROTECT PUGET SOUND ORCAS**

NOAA Fisheries issued new rules today on vessel traffic, aimed at protecting Southern Resident killer whales in Puget Sound. The new rules prohibit vessels from approaching any killer whale closer than 200 yards and forbids them from intercepting or positioning the vessel in its path. This doubles the current approach distance of 100 yards.

The rules go into effect in early May and apply to all types of boats, including sailboats and kayaks, in Washington's inland waters. Exemptions include vessels actively fishing commercially, cargo vessels in shipping lanes, and government and research vessels.

The whales, which depend on their highly sophisticated natural sonar to navigate and find food, can be affected by underwater noise from boats and disturbed by vessels, including non-motorized ones, that approach too close or block their paths. Scientists have identified this as a major threat facing the killer whale population in addition to a shortage of Chinook salmon (the whales' preferred prey) and water pollution.

The Southern Resident population peaked at 97 animals in the 1990's, and then declined to 79 in 2001. It has seen slow growth since then, and now stands at an estimated 86 killer whales, about half of which are sexually mature.

**DOCK SPACE AVAILABLE**

**Moorage available at the Galley Dock**

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## APRIL'S GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

featured "LIYC's Year in Review" with pictures and commentary about most of the meetings, cruises and events from Lopez Island Yacht Club's 2010. About 70 members attended, enjoying the wonderful finger food buffet of prawns, chicken skewers, fruit and veggie



platters, cheese, and more, catered by the Islander staff.

Thanks to Dick and Barbara Reiswig for hosting and to Jim and Shanley Lett for presenting "LIYC's Year in Review"



Julie Duncan and Bob Maxson



John and Carol Whetten



<Gordie and Barbara Rydberg


and (below left) Karleen Patrick, one of the Lopez Island Yacht Club's founding members. (Pictured between Frankie and Allen Clark).



and (at right>>) JoAnn and "Admiral" Ian Lange, who won the 50/50 drawing of \$ 100.50 —the largest payout in LIYC 50/50 history.



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