

Lopez Island Yacht Club

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NEWSLINE

NOVEMBER 2010

Happenings

- November Board Meeting
Wednesday, Nov 3
- General Membership Meeting
Wednesday, Nov 17
- HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
Thursday, November 25

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COMMODORE'S CORNER

One of the hidden treasures of living in the San Juan Islands is autumn cruising in your boat. Sometimes the weather can be the best we get and the more remote islands offer uncrowded anchorages, great hiking and seasonal colors.

On a whim, I cruised up to Matia Island, not far from Sucia Island. I anchored in a protected bay on the east end. *Eagle* was the only boat in the bay. After insuring that the anchor was well set and running stern line to shore, I rowed the dinghy into a secluded beach. I was anxious to see the fall colors of the large stands of maple trees that occupy the center of the island. I was not disappointed!

Halfway along the loop trail, I came upon the main campsite and dock on the west side only to discover that there was no one else there. I had the entire island to myself!

Compared to the heavy summertime usage pressure on our marine parks, this was a real treat. The irony is that I wish you all could have been there to share it. (*Ed. Note: See Dave's picture "Eagle" off Matia Island on page 3.*)

The **Hancocks** hosted a great gathering for our October meeting. Steven Brouwer's presentation on his history in boat building and the construction of the *Tern* was delightful.

Remember that our November meeting, in addition to being fun and entertaining, is the one meeting of the year that we do some real business (elections, etc.) So, come and be counted.

Batten down the hatches—summer is officially over.

Aloha!

Dave

What's Happening ?

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Islander Resort

6:00 pm—Social Hour

7:00 pm—Potluck Dinner

Fred Neilson and Cathy Mecray will be presenting

“GRINGOS IN MARGARITAVILLE”

Their winter adventure in Mexico aboard *Sonrisa*

Bring a main dish, side, salad or dessert to share, and your own plates and utensils. Beverages can be purchased in the Islander Lounge.

Don't miss this important meeting:

Election of officers for 2011

By-law change vote

(See details in the October “*Newsline*” or on the LIYC Website)

WINTER IS PRIME SEASON FOR BOAT “INVASIONS”

Boats stored over the winter can be easy targets for thieves. Many boat owners don't find out they have been a victim of theft until long after, often when spring preparations are being made.

The top three most common items stolen over the winter are:

1. **Electronics:** It is worth your time to remove them and store them at home. If they are permanently installed, record model and serial numbers and take photos.
2. **Outboards:** Small outboards should be removed and stored in a secure location. Larger outboards should have a lock installed.
3. **Outdrives:** The best way to avoid theft is to remove the unit and store in a safe location. Record the serial number. If it will not be removed, install an outdrive lock.

Source: BoatUS release, Alexandria, Virginia, October 21, 2010



Eagle in secluded cove off Matia Island on a sunny October afternoon.

Photo by Dave Welker

TIPS FOR DETERRING THEFTS

Anything to make your boat and equipment less attractive to thieves is the goal.

1. If storing your boat away from home, a secure yard or marina with fencing and cameras is best.
2. If storing a trailerable boat at home, don't leave the trailer tongue facing the street. Remove tires or add wheel locks. Put a lock on hitch receivers.
3. Don't leave liquor in open view.
4. Don't leave a “**For Sale**” sign posted. It gives someone an excuse to get aboard and look around.
5. Add personalized markings to equipment to help identify and recover it. It also makes them less “marketable”.
6. Don't leave your dinghy on your marina's dock unlocked or for long periods of time.
7. Make periodic visits to your boat over the winter, or ask a friend to make a monthly visit.
8. Don't forget four-legged “bandits”. Keep winter covers tight and securely attached. Cover large exhaust ports. Don't leave a ladder attached to the boat. Don't store the boat where animals can get aboard, ie near trees or building overhangs.

For more information on preventing boat theft, review the BoatUS blog:
“Love Your Boat? So Does Someone Else!”.

ROSARIO'S CRABFEST WEEKEND CRUISE with the Friday Harbor Sailing Club September 24-26 started beautifully. Friday and Saturday weather was sunny, but breezy conditions made docking challenging for many. Once safely at the dock, though, there were activities for everyone. Friday night was the annual potluck and crab feed. Saturday it was off to Eastsound on the shuttle for the Farmers' Market and shopping. Or, some just relaxed on their boats or at the newly reopened Rosario Spa. A concert and mansion tour was a new treat for many. Then it was off to Saturday night dinners ranging



from lively Mexican food at Bilbo's in Eastsound to quiet intimate soirees in the refurbished Rosario Dining Room.



Jamie and Lauren Stephens



Dick and Chris Bangsund



Barbara Carver and Lane Langford



Jon and Mary Allsop with Jim Ghinazzi


Rain started in the wee hours of Sunday morning, but then the group woke up to fog as thick as the proverbial pea soup. So it was breakfast in the Discovery Room then head (carefully and slowly) for home.

Photos by Judy Welker and "Newsline" staff

<< *Doug and Lisa Cram and Dave and Judy Welker.*
(Below is the pea soup.)



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