



Lopez Island Yacht Club

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NEWSLINE

MAY 2010

Happenings

OPENING DAY
Saturday, May 1

BOATING IN THE SAN
JUANS—**Free Workshop**
Thursday, May 6

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COMMODORE’S CORNER

Spring in the Northwest ! The weather is all over the board. I can only hope that the great weather forecast for Opening Day pans out. Of course, by the time you read this, we may already know the outcome!

They are launching boats “left and right” at IMC. Just before **Bill and Carole White’s *Lucky*** splashed, they launched ***Breathless Mahoney***, the sailboat **Russ Johnson** and I own. Unfortunately, ole’ Russ missed it because he is stuck up in Nantuck, Alaska, trying to get a tug and barge up some frozen river. Come frozen or high water, he promises to be here for Opening Day.

This April potluck meeting found us welcoming back **Dick and Chris Bangsund** and their new trawler ***Sea Nile***. And new members **George and Stepper LeBoutillier** were introduced. They own the sweet, dark-hulled Sam Devlin designed powerboat at the Galley Dock called ***Zelda Belle***. What’s intriguing to me and my fellow sailors in the Club is that George also has a Carl Schumacher-Alerion Express 28 sailboat on its way to Lopez. It will be a beautiful addition to the Lopez sailing fleet.

Jim and Shanley Lett hosted the April meeting. Shanley’s annual recap kept us laughing and brought back great memories of last year’s cruises and events.

With the Hawaiian theme, this year’s Opening Day of Yachting Season should really bring out the creative juices of the membership. Dress the part, decorate your boat, play the dock games, race the Splashes and, in the evening, let’s LUAU OUT! If we can be Hawaiians as well as we were pirates last year, this will be one SHAKA good time.

Bill White and friends sailed another stellar Cabo Race on ***Sabrina*** in April and **Rodman Duncan** helped him deliver the boat back to San Diego. This resulted in both of them missing the worst of the spring weather up here.

The Web Wench (**Judy**) now has all the scheduled cruises for the 2010 season on the website calendar so plan your summer accordingly.

Aloha, Dave

What's Happening!

OPENING DAY

Saturday, May 1, 2010—1100 hours

Join the fun at the Islander Resort

See the LIYC web site or April "Newsline" for details

ALERT:

Minus 1.7 tide
midday on
Saturday May 1.

COMMODORE'S CRUISE TO PORT BROWNING

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ADDITIONAL DETAILS IN THE JUNE
NEWSLETTER

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THURSDAY, MAY 6. 2010

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12:30—2:30 pm

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MEMBERS' SURVEY RESULTS

About 25 surveys (33%) were returned from LIYC members with the following results:

<i>Commodore's Ball?</i>	Y
<i>Month?</i>	December
<i>Day?</i>	Third Wednesday
<i>Dancing?</i>	Y
<i>Music?</i>	DJ -5, Band -3
<i>Venue? (if dancing)</i>	Islander -6, Woodmen-4 Galley -3, LCCA -2
<i>Food?</i>	Restaurant and catered, virtually a tie
<i>Dress?</i>	Semi-formal -12, Lopez Festive -7, Formal -1
<i>LIYC Funded?</i>	Y, \$1000 - \$1500
<i>Amt paid by members?</i>	\$30 -7, \$40 -6, \$50 -6
<i>Keep in LIYC Reserve?</i>	\$5,000 -7, \$7,000 -3

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Allen and Frankie Clark, Doug Simmons and Sandy Barr, and George and Stepper LeBoutillier.



< Also, Dick and Chris Bangsund are returning members.

New members >

George and Stepper LeBoutillier pronounce their last name LeBoot-T-ay and their boat name is *Zelda Belle*.



WHO STARTED YACHTING SEASON OPENING DAYS?

Yachting season ceremonies grew out of British tradition and the love of kings for their megayachts. While we think of superyachts as modern inventions, pleasure craft measuring 100 feet or more have been around since the time of Cleopatra. Until the 18th century, yachts were usually reserved for royalty. Then, the Industrial Revolution generated great wealth and allowed the “new rich” to join in a sport of kings.

The first yacht club was established in 1720: it called itself the Water Club of the Harbour of Cork (Ireland). Limiting membership to 25, the founding gentlemen were less interested in sailing and racing than in parading. Once a year they traveled a few miles out into the Celtic Sea to participate in a grand review full of pageantry and protocol with streaming banners, trumpets and drums.

The first club to put “yacht” in its name was simply called “The Yacht Club” in the early 19th century London. Only yachts weighing in at 10 tons could belong. Steam powered yachts became acceptable when Queen Victoria insisted on owning one. Each year the Queen reviewed her parading fleet during “Opening Day” and that’s how “sailpast” became a tradition.

Meanwhile, the yachting craze was just as fierce in the U.S. People like the Vanderbilts, Roosevelts and Astors built “marine mansions” furnished in splendor and powered by sail or steam.

By the mid 1800’s yacht clubs had been born, with the New York Yacht Club (1844) gaining great prominence. It’s first Commodore, John Cox Stevens, sailed his 95’ black schooner *America* to England in 1851 and won the Royal Yacht Squadron’s “Hundred Guinea Cup”, later called the America’s Cup.

Today both traditions, Opening Day parades and the America’s Cup, continue to be great spectacles of pomp and circumstance.

SAVE THESE 2010 DATES !!

June 5	Flat Point Clam Fest (also planning meeting for North Cruise)
June 18—20	Commodore’s Cruise to Port Browning
July 16—18	Cruise to Port Townsend
August 6—8	Cruise to Sidney
September 24-26	Rosario Crab Feed

NO BOAT? NO PROBLEM! JOIN SAIL LOPEZ

Sail Lopez, sponsored by the Lopez Family Resource Center, offers lots of summer sailing fun for adults (as well as children) using *Sail Lopez*' own boats.



Open Sail: July 14 and August 4 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm, sailboats will be available for use by the community on a first come, first served basis. Limited instruction will be available. Suggested donation—\$25.

Duck Dodge Racing: *Duck Dodge Racing* is defined as any sailboat racing for fun. First boat to finish wins, no matter what boat size. Races will be held on Fisherman Bay on Thursdays starting June 17, 5:00—7:00 pm through mid-August. Suggested donation: \$25

Sailing Instruction: Weekend sailing lessons will also be available for a \$75 fee:

Beginner: July 10, 11	9:00—1:00
Intermediate: July 17, 18	9:00—1:00

Contact Gary Zerbst for more information: 360-468-4544 or email zeman@rockisland.com

APRIL MEETING FEATURED LIYC'S YEAR IN REVIEW

Jim and Shanley Lett hosted the April General Membership Meeting and presented the pictorial record of LIYC's 2009 events. Almost every member (if they attended a function) could be seen somewhere in the show. Thanks, Jim and Shanley!



New member George LeBoutillier and Commodore Dave Welker exchanged burgees. (The blue one is ours, the red one is from Hope Town Sailing Club, Abaco, Bahamas.)

Another new member in the spotlight—Sandy Barr won the 50/50 drawing and pocketed a quick \$85. (Diana Hancock's superlative raffle sales for the night also meant \$85 for the club's coffers.)



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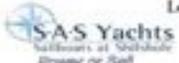
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