



# Lopez Island Yacht Club

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## NEWSLINE

SEPTEMBER 2008

### Happenings

- August Board Meeting  
Wednesday, Sept 3
- Admiralty Breakfast  
Love Dog, 8:00 am  
Saturday, Sept 13
- General Membership Meeting  
Wednesday, Sept 17
- Blakely Cruise/Crabfeed  
Sept 20-21

<b>Commodore</b> Bill Pugerude	468-4485
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### COMMODORE'S CORNER

The National Marine Manufacturers' Association, BoatUS, bipartisan House and Senate legislators, and most importantly, the millions of boaters and anglers lobbying for passage of Senate Bill #2766, resulted in our President signing this bill into law. (See April 2008 Commodore's Corner.)

"The Clean Boating Act of 2008" permanently restores a longstanding exemption for recreational boats from permitting requirements under the Clean Water Act. The signing of this bill is the capstone moment of a two year campaign to eliminate an onerous permit program for recreational boaters that would have dictated maintenance and operation procedures, potentially subjected boaters to citizen lawsuits, and placed recreational boats under a penalty system designed for industrial polluters. Thanks to all for a job well done.

The rendezvous at Pugerude's Cove and shuttle service to the 100th Anniversary of the Patos Lighthouse got rained out. (Although I heard **Jay and Jane Simonson** got their boat fixed in time to attend the Patos party—and represent Lopez Island Yacht Club.)

Just the night before, a pod of Orcas passed by in front of the Johns Island cabin!! **Rod Duncan and Karen Bistrin** rowed out and found themselves in the middle of the spectacle. We all were outbound for home in the rain on Sunday.

If you have more plans for the summer, you better "git er done". We discovered that the calendar fills up quickly as you acquire more friends and join more organizations.

See you at the September meeting.....

*Bice*

# WHAT'S HAPPENING?

## WELCOME BACK !! SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, September 17, 2008  
Islander Marina/Resort  
6:00 pm — Social Hour  
7:00 pm — Potluck Dinner

Presenting

### “LOPEZ ISLAND—FOUL PLAY ON THE FRIENDLY ISLE”

It's murder mystery night! WEAR BLACK !! Bring your own eating utensils and a main dish, side, salad, or dessert to share. Coffee will be provided. Other beverages can be purchased in the Islander Lounge.

Questions? Call your hosts: Rod Duncan and Karen Bistrin 468-3588 or email [karenrod@aol.com](mailto:karenrod@aol.com)

### IT'S BLAKELY TIME !

#### JOIN THE FUN WITH THE FRIDAY HARBOR SAILING CLUB FOR OUR ANNUAL CRAB FEED AND “QUEEN FOR A HALF DAY” BREAKFAST

September 19th thru 21st, 2008  
Blakely Island Marina

“Official festivities start on Saturday afternoon about 4:00 pm. But some boats choose to arrive on Friday for some peace and quiet (or jamming in the covered patio.)

Bring an appetizer, side dish, salad or dessert to share for Friday night's crab feed. Bring your own dinner service and beverages. (You may be asked for a small contribution toward the breakfast.)

Your hosts this year are Dave and Judy Welker. Please email them if you plan to attend: [islandhopper@centurytel.net](mailto:islandhopper@centurytel.net)

**MAKE YOUR OWN  
RESERVATIONS  
NOW !!**

[info@blakelymarina.com](mailto:info@blakelymarina.com)  
Or  
(360) 375-6121

## LACONNER CRUISE OFFERED LOTS OF THINGS TO DO



Photo by Judy Welker

Three LIYC boats—Welkers, Simonsons and Hancocks—made the trip to LaConner on July 18-20, and several other members made the trip by car. The group took advantage of the beautiful scenery (trip through Deception Pass), wonderful restaurants, and lots of fun shopping.

## LIYRC'S SAILING COMMITTEE OFFERS APPRECIATION DAY FREE SAILING

Lopez Island Family Resource Center's Sailing Committee wanted to show their appreciation to LIYC members for supporting their Youth Sailing Scholarship Program so they offered LIYC free sailing (including lessons) on July 15th.

Several (powerboating) LIYC members took advantage of Gary Zerbst's invitation to "come over from the dark side".



Rod Duncan "shows the ropes", er, lines, er shrouds to Shanley (with the white knuckles but big smile) and Jim Lett.

Photo by Trevor Bryant

## SONRISA SOUTHBOUND: GREAT ADVENTURE OF THE SUMMER

Four intrepid LIYC'rs left Fisherman Bay August 9th on the 44' Cheoy Lee sailing vessel *Sonrisa* for the trip down the Pacific Coast to San Diego, California.



It has been a longtime dream of owners Fred Neilson and Cathy Mecray to spend winters on their sailboat in Mexico, and this trip was the first leg toward making that dream a reality.

Fred Neilson, shown at left, captained the vessel and the other crew members (at right) were Gary Zerbst, George Hestad, and John Butte. The *Sonrisa* ar-

rived in San Diego in fine form on August 23. For a full account of the sometimes harrowing experience, email Gary Zerbst at [zeman@rockisland.com](mailto:zeman@rockisland.com).

**FOR SALE:** Bayfield 25 "pocket cruiser" w/ trailer. Classic design, good condition. Custom teak interior, full canvas, heavy-duty construction and rigging



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Call Rod Duncan

468-3588 for additional details.



## **NORTH CRUISE 2008**

### ***MECHANICAL MISHAPS MAR MOTORING***

While the bird flu pandemic was nowhere in sight, the 2008 North Cruise was plagued by the "multiple mechanical mishap virus". Of the 9 boats on the participation list, only 3—Doug and Lisa Cram's "Isurus", Fred and Sharon Weedon's "Four Winns" and Mike and Barbara Morey's "Seapass" made their scheduled stops without incident.

Two boats, Jay and Jane Simonson's "Ana Cortez" and Rod Duncan and Karen Bistrin's "Jana Dee" cancelled just days before the August 11th start date reporting engine difficulties.

On the 11th, about a mile south of Otter Bay, Jim and Shanley Lett lost power. Luckily Fred and Sharon were close by and towed them on to the first night's stop. After waiting two days for a no-show mechanic at Otter Bay, the Weedons again came to the rescue and towed the "Kings Point" on to Sidney for repairs. (See Weedons with Letts in tow >>>)



From Ladysmith, Duane and Audrey Bordvick on "Gypsy" headed home early with refrigeration difficulties.

Bob Buchholz and Carolyn Baldwin on "Grasshopper" (on their very first LIYC cruise) had to cancel at Maple Bay with head problems (boat head) and leaks. (Yes, it did rain a little.)

The next day, as the dwindling group (now down to 3 boats) prepared to leave for Genoa, Martin and Ginny Furmanski on "Hunter Bay" couldn't start their engine. The Furmanskis called a mechanic and urged the Moreys and Weedons to continue on to the last stop on the itinerary, but Fred and Sharon refused to leave the disabled craft. (Fortunately, THIS mechanic arrived as promised and quickly located and fixed the problem, so they could all leave for Ganges without further delay.)



Two of the rescuers—Barbara Morey and Sharon Weedon.

All this time, the Letts were in a Sidney motel overseeing repairs. (They had declined several generous offers to continue the cruise on other boats with the hope the "Kings Point" could catch up.) But, after several days of waiting for parts to arrive from a Canadian distribution center, they rented a car and made a quick trip back to Lopez. There, Ivan from IMC ordered their parts, carefully followed their routing, and had them on Lopez overnight delivery. By now there were 6 North Cruise days left, so the Letts caught the afternoon ferry from Lopez and were back in Sidney before midnight, delivering the parts the next day. To their dismay, more engine problems were

Lopez.

Suffice to say, if anyone EVER needed a reason to cruise with the great (and fun) members of the Lopez Island Yacht Club, this trip is a prime example.