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Word is that an anonymous benefactor is donating a gift to each lady attending the Potluck. This is an intimate personal item intended for cruising! Don't miss out. Come to the Potluck Friday evening and join in the fun! Party details on page 3

Elections to be held at Holiday Potluck

Some changes have been made in the slate of officers for Decembers elections. Jim Thompson is unable to fill the position of Commodore, so the search was on for another candidate. Also the Bryants have asked to be relieved of the Historian title. Anyone interested in that appointive office would be welcome to volunteer. The following email was sent to the club list server for all to read.

"I recently heard from Jim Thompson that he was not going to be able to run for Commodore due to work constraints. After a lot of calls to fellow board members and contacting several individuals, Wayne Erickson has agreed to run for the position.

I realize this may violate the procedural language of the bylaws, so I wanted to get it out there so if anyone has had a change of heart and wants to run I will open the floor to nominations. We could use a volunteer to take the Rear Commodore position Wayne was going to run for, if we do not get someone Wayne has agreed to do both jobs.

Mike Wright, Commodore NWMA"

Dues Are Due!!

Thanks to the many members who have already paid for their promptness and support. Your dues keeps the rent paid and helps the Multihull cause around the Sound. Plus members get benefits like free classified ads and discounts at local suppliers. Your continued support is appreciated.

Please let us know about any address, phone or email changes so that we can keep in touch with you.

Revised 2006 PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS

Commodore - Wayne Erickson
Rear Commodore - Wayne Erickson, Incumbent
Vice Commodore - David Miller
Newsletter Editor - Kirby Jacobson
Secretary - Julia Miller
Treasurer - Pat Pielage. Incumbent

Appointed Officers

Fleet Captain - Marytn Adams
Librarian - Mark Olsoe
Property - Diane Johnson
Web Curator - Keith Burke



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Commodores Comments

Hey There,

Mike the commodore here writing his last column. Wow, two years and 20 columns went by fast; in a strange way it kind of feels good to be almost done while at the same time I'm sure going to miss doing this.

In my first column I talked about the good friends I had made in the club and how they had helped me finish my boat as well as begin the process of learning how to sail it. Well, it's two years later and that is still true.

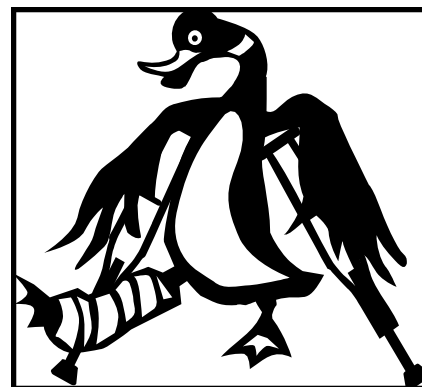
As a way to illustrate this let me ramble on about my recent sailing adventures. This story starts with Martyn and Linda asking if I want to crew for them at Round the County with me jumping at the opportunity. In a weird way I was hoping for typical Round the County big wind as I wanted more big air experience. On Friday, Martyn called from Bellingham and said it was blowing the dogs off the chain and they had forgotten some stuff, and maybe his heart was just not in going out and bashing across Bellingham Bay. We came up with a plan to launch on Saturday morning at Anacortes and motor up to the start. At the start the wind was blowing 20+. Off we go, downwind under full main and jib. We reefed then turned the corner at Patos and had one of the best reaches I can remember. We passed over 40 monohulls going from the back of the fleet to the front in 13 nm. We finished and motored into Roche Harbor, where the new motor started acting up and died 10 feet from the dock.

At the dock we run into Mark Gumley and Kim Alfreds. Martyn starts to work on the outboard and determines it is low on oil. We have no oil but Mark comes to the rescue and gives us a quart. It seems to make the motor happy and we wander off to find some

food. We run into Jude who has borrowed the screecher off Scooter and Kim who is doing his last race on Cheekee Monkee. This leads to a long round of we went this way, you went that, we were faster, no we were, type discussions that I thoroughly enjoy. Kim spent a long time with Martyn and me in the bar discussing the evolution of the Monkee and offering ideas on how to make Cuttlefish and Scooter faster as well as talking about potential boats in his future. We went off to burn up some steaks and share lies with the other sailors. Then off to bed at the B&B.

Sunday morning and the internet is predicting gales in Haro and Juan de Fuca Straits. Oh boy, I want my mommy time. Martyn and I talk over breakfast about how to set the boat up for big wind and out we go. Turns out the gales have already blown through and we are left with a light air downwind start. We sail from Roche down to the Salmon Bank and on to Thatcher Pass all under spinnaker as the wind clocked from the north to the west. The sun was out and we had porpoises for company, for a weekend in November you can't ask for more. We catch the leaders at Thatcher Pass and I swear we were in front of Blue Lightning when the wind died and the current started pushing us to Anacortes.

We decide to start the motor 30 minutes before the cut-off time only to find the battery dead. No problem except that the new motor does not have a pull starter. Off comes the cover to find the flywheel covered by a protection device. After a few well phrased comments, out come the tools and Martyn and I dive into the motor well, heads down getting it disassembled and figuring out a way to pull the rope in the confined space. At some point I ask what that noise is and Martyn tells me it is the water on the rocks we are heading towards. Oh well, lets just get the motor started and off we go. We had more adventures with the new gas tank and docking but



Mike Wright
Lame Duck Commodore

eventually made it to the dinner at the yacht club where we see our friends Mark Gumley with his kids as crew take the first place trophy and then off to bed at the B&B. I rode the ferry home with the crew from Cheekee Monkee on Monday and got back to work after lunch.

So what is the point of all this? I'm not sure I really know. But I had a lot of fun with people I like to be around. When we needed help, our friends came to our aid. When our friends needed help we helped them. When we needed to work together we did, solving problems under trying conditions. The better sailors we met along the way freely offered advice to help us sail faster. To me that sums up what the club is all about. The folks I have met through NWMA (Martyn & Linda, Wayne & Ann, David & Julia, Pat, Pat, Will, Jim and the many others) do all the things described above with a smile on their face and are a lot of fun to be around.

It was fun being commodore, I highly recommend it to others. We have a great club and if we all pitch in a little from time to time it will continue along its path. That said, sail fast, sail safe, I hope to see you out on the water or at a club function.

Mike
F-25A Scooter



Coming Events!!

Holiday Potluck, Friday Dec. 18



*An Invitation to members and friends,
Old and new, and your families,
To Join Us For*

*Northwest Multihull Association's
Annual Holiday Potluck*

Friday, December 16, 2005

*Corinthian Yacht Club at Leschi
106 Lakeside Ave., Seattle, WA 98122*

Doors open at 6, dinner at 7

Bring a plate, flatware and a potluck dish to share. The club will provide an all ages beverage. Do join us for this most sociable evening.

Annual Auction - January 20

Time to Clean Out the Boat, Dock Box, Shop, Garage

It's time for our Annual Auction. Clean up the garage and go to the bank with the profits! You get to keep 90% and the club gets 10%.

Bring parts, tools, sailing wear, rigging, sails, even whole boats. Actually, anything boat related or which can be used on a boat counts. That can include books, charts, dishes, glasses, bedding. Just about anything goes.

Let us know what you are bringing and we will list it in the next newsletter so the buyer looking for that exact item will come with their checkbooks at the ready. You can call, email, or post items on the list server.

Better be there, or you may miss out on the deal of the century!



Racing Log

Winter Vashon inspires Verse

View from the Front

Sibling Rivalry Shows Them How!

By Will Marken

Around the Island

Cold shifty breeze blowing light

Don't bugger the race

Ok, so my haiku can't compare with Martyn's elegant prose, but what the heck. (Martyn, you really can string the words together my friend.)

That was a classic Winter Vashon, gang. Light winds, several general restarts at various locations, cold, orcas, and the Tacoma Aroma at the finish. Oh yeah - what about sailing 50ft away from another boat, both on the same course but on different tacks? Who could ask for anything more?

I think we only made two good tactical moves the whole race. We managed to stay out of the south Vashon "Zone of Death", and kept to the Vashon side of East Passage. Other than that, it was great crew work, beer and hot chocolate. And dumb luck.

It's possible that we'll need neck braces to recover. Just before the finish I looked back and saw what looked like a square head main in the darkness. The general consensus was that it couldn't be Makika since the rig was too tall. A few minutes later we looked back, did a double take, and realized that it was indeed Makika. They were just a whole lot closer than we thought! Depth perception in the dark wasn't so good.

And thanks to the TYC for putting those nice bright Christmas lights on the club. With a dead GPS it was nice to have something to go by.

Winter Vashon Results, Dec. 3, 2005

- 1st Sibling Rivalry, John and Will Marken, F-27
- 2nd CuttleFish, Martin Adams, F-27
- 3rd Danger Zone, Jim Thompson, F-27
- 4th Strider, Rod Tharp, F9A
- 5th Makika, Jude Stoller, F-25C
- 6th Blue Lightning, Mark Gumley, F9R
- 7th Dragonfly, Pat McGarry, Forumula 40

Ode to Winter Vashon

By Martyn Adams

'Twas a bit before Christmas and all 'bout the docks
 Many sailors were prepping their lines and their blocks.

With and eye cast aloft to ascertain the wind,
 The right choices of sail, soon a race to begin.

Though the winds did blow gently from hither and yon,
 'twas not a good day to have spinnakers on.

Lo those that did try, in a moment they learned
 That these fickle light zephyrs undoubtedly turned.

Undaunted we cruised with our two heads'ls fair set
 And lo and behold 'round the Islands did get.

Old Neptune does like us to come out and play
 For he is quite likely sneaky pitfalls to lay.

'tis a challenge of currents and of times and of shoals
 As we intrepid racers did quite frantically go.

To the right shore and left, watching careful those
 Who indeed led rest, showing where not to go.

As we rounded the northernmost mark that was set,
 A great circle we sailed and more new winds were met.

To those who might question if indeed it is so,
 Uphill we did sail, both the "to" and the "fro".

Soon the sun was a setting as on into the night
 The battling multis did tack left and right.

Now, I've sailed this fair course for a number of years
 And each time it's different yet wind stings my ears.

I now know where to sail at least close to the end
 'cause I follow the others, 'least I try to pretend.

Now the mark we are rounding to a hail from the shore
 Why I think we have finished, but wait, there is more.

For this is the tale quite undoubtedly true
 Of around in a circle, seven Multihulls flew.



Dock Talk and Other Scuttlebutt

By Ann Erickson



Hello All,

Our best wishes for a wonderful holiday season, whatever your flavor of holiday it may be. Do come to our holiday potluck and join us for food and frivolity. The feast is always fabulous and the conversation veers wildly from the sublime to the ridiculous. A member whispered that there will be a surprise gift for each of the ladies in attendance, an item of intimate usage particularly appropriate for cruising! Don't miss out on getting yours! Bring a dish to share, a plate, a fork and the club will provide an all ages beverage. Something for adults only would be a suitable contribution!

A couple of the boys were discussing the fact that F-31 Cheekee Monkee will appear at midnight New Year's Eve on eBay. Rumor has it that it will be a no reserve auction. Someone suggested that we should have a party and watch the first bids come in! That might be fun. Then a second suggestion was that we run a pool on the price. Everyone who wishes to participate puts in \$5 bucks and takes a guess on the price. What price, the opening bid, the closing bid? The winner could be announced at the next meeting. This pool would have to close when the auction opens. This idea will be addressed more seriously at the Potluck. If this is of interest to you, bring a fiver or two to throw in the pot. This could definitely liven things up.

In March there is going to be a race called the Ultimate Florida Challenge. "It includes a 40 mile portage, 150 miles of river paddling, circumnavigating most of Florida by sail, while dodging alligators, hammerheads, and barracuda." There is an outfit in Bellingham called Epic Racing preparing a "radical combination of outrigger canoe, sea kayak, beach cat and trimaran" specifically for this event. We will be keeping an eye on these guys. They may be crazier than our racers!

Once again, Happy Holidays to all of you. Hope to see you at the Potluck.

Waterskipper Goes North To Alaska

Waterskipper is the beautifully equipped F-31 that Hank Brooks single handed all over the Northwest. Talk is that he sold because he couldn't think of another thing to put on it. She was easily one of the best cruising boats around.

A family from Valdez, Alaska, bought her. They had a F-28 and wanted a bigger boat. They should probably get the Cruiser of the Year award because they sailed it home from Seattle. They had two adults and two teen-agers on board, all experienced sailors and took a month to make the passage. They report that they saw everything one could hope to see on such a trip, wildlife, weather, mountains, everything. It was the trip of a lifetime for them. This families name is Cullen, John and Michelle. He is the town doctor in Valdez and everyone knows them. If you get up that way, look them up.

Now Hank had a lot of extra stuff, as he carried many spares. Some went with the boat and some he kept. But he lives in Bend, OR, and the market for used boat stuff isn't too hot there. So Hank brought the stuff to Seattle and wants to sell it all. It will be going on the web, but first, you club members are going to have a crack at it. The full list is on the next page. You can make an offer.

Waterskipper is still up on Hanks web site, if you want to have a look: <http://home.bendcable.com/brooksfamily>. There are also some cute grandchildren and a nice garden there too.



Waterskipper in Mustgrave Landing, BC



Hank Brook's Garage Sale!! Waterskipper spare parts

Price	Item	Some fleasibility in prices. Call 206-297-1151 for info or to make a purchase
\$ 62	Anchor Rode: 150' 3/8" Samson 2 in 1 Super Strong w/nylon thimble & eye splice - New	
\$ 50	Anchor Rode: 150' 3/8" Used with 6' of 1/4" chain	
\$ 300	Anchor Rode: 300' consisting of 280' New England Double Braid nylon and 15~20' 3/8" HT Galvanized Chain - Stainless thimble & eye splice - marked every 30' - like new condition	
\$ 500	Spade A100 Aluminum anchor for boats up to 52'	
\$ 20	5# Navy style anchor	
\$ 24	Yamaha touch up paint - color & clear coat - spray cans - some used	
\$ 48	Yamaha 9.9 Factory maintenance manual	
\$ 88	Origo Heat Pal heater in box used	
\$ 20	Temp Value 6 portable tank, in box	
\$ 25	2 Ronstan RE858 Snap Shackles, New	
\$ 20	Harken Double Block 2 1/4" sheaves	
\$ 10	Lewmar winch handle	
\$ 10	Ronstan floating winch handle	
\$ 20	Mobri radar reflector, 2" size, used	
\$ 235	Sharp (Seimens-Shell) 46 watt solar panel, new, with instructions	
\$3400	B&G Hydra 2000 Sailing instruments complete (wind speed & direction, depth, speed, & rotating mast sensor) - new - Hydra pack - no thru hulls - wires must be spliced	
\$ 64	Sporta Seat, Blue	
\$ 15	Wichard head board shackle	
\$ 120	SMR handheld VHF with charger and 12v adapter, used, with instructions	
\$ 10	Shroud gloves, pair, new	
\$ 76	Forspar spinnaker pole adjustable – dingy size 4-8", new	
\$ 176	Davis Sextant Mark 25, in case with instructions, new	
\$ 50	Facnor top swivel for continuous furler, new	
\$ 50	Harken 1852 furler, very used, needs work	
\$ 15	2 Corsair aka nylon straps with D rings for screacher turning blocks, used	
\$ 54	Corsair interior upholstery fabric, 4 yards, color-style "sailboat"	
\$ 20	Windex, size 15 vane, spare, used	
\$ 212	Several lines: 125' 7/16" New England Regatta Braid - used in good condition - F-boat main sheet	
	104' 3/8" Yale Crystalline (Vectran with polyester cover) eye spliced with Wichard headboard shackle - used - F-31 main halyard	
	F-31 Corsair halyards - set of 4 plus spinnaker tack - 3 are technora - some with shackles - one eye splice cut	
	Corsair F-31 3/8" double braid sheets for jib, screacher, & spinnaker (white, white w/red flecks, & red) - all new	
\$ 5	Davis sail bleach	
\$ 64	10" boat trailer brake drum with bearings and seals, greased, ready to install, new, carried as spare	
\$ 24	Sailing boot, West Marine size 10, new	
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- Sign up for the club list server to keep up and speak up with other members. Click on discussion on the home page.
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Members may run classified ads at no charge! What have you got that you would like to move to a new home?

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NWMA meets the third Friday of every month, September through June. Doors open at 6:00 pm for an informal no host dinner, usually pizza, socializing and sea stories. The business meeting runs from 7 to 7:45, there is a 15 minute break, followed by the program at 8 pm.

All are welcome, please join us!

Mailing Address

2442 NW Market, PMB #513
Seattle, WA 98122

Meeting Address:

Corinthian Yacht Club at Leschi
106 Lakeside Avenue
Seattle, WA 98122

Website: <http://www.nwmultihull.org>

2005 Elected Officers:

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Rear Commodore	Wayne Erickson
Vice Commodore	Kirby Jacobson
Secretary	Robin Jacobson
Treasurer	Pat Pilage
Newsletter	Ann Erickson and David Miller

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Race Fleet Capts	Pat McGarry and Jim Thompson
Librarian	Mark Olsoe
Property	Diane Johnson
Publicity	Diane Johnson
Web Curator	Keith Burke
Historians	Neil and Marty Bryant

Membership Information and Application

The small print!!

*NWMA meets ten times a year, Sept. through June. Summer brings rendezvous and other fun.

*Membership benefits include discounts of up to 40% at some suppliers, use of club library, the newsletter, rendezvous, free classified ads in this newsletter, fascinating monthly meetings and access to a group of interesting and experienced multihull builders and sailors.

*Regular club membership cost is \$60 per year (Sept. through Aug.).

*First time members pay only \$30 for the first year!

*Non-members who live outside Western Washington may receive the newsletter for \$15 per year (domestic and \$20 foreign).

*A subscription is included with NWMA membership.



Contributions to our newsletter and website are always welcome. Submit articles or pictures to editor Ann Erickson at ann@multihullsnorthwest.com or Webcurator Keith Burke at nwma@nwmultihull.org

Membership Application

Cut this out, fill it out, and mail with your check to NWMA, 2442 NW Market St., PMB 513, Seattle, WA 98107

Name(s) _____

Mailing address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ or _____

Boat Name _____ Make/ Mfg _____

Boat Type _____ Length _____ Beam _____

Boat Location _____ Sail # _____ Rating _____

E-mail address _____

Please circle interests: Cruising Racing Design/Building Sailing Skills Rendezvous Boat show/Promos Opening Day Repairs Crew Crew Needed

New Member? Yes No Where did you hear about NWMA?

Should we withhold your telephone and/or address from the club roster? Yes No

This information is for club use only, and is not sold or distributed in any way



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