



Homer Yacht Club

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November 2009

Officers

Flag Officers

Commodore: Nina Daley
Vice-commodore: Carlin Rauch
Rear Commodore: Rick Foster
Secretary:
Treasurer: Mary Ann Rowe

Board of Directors

Phil Cowan
Lee Dewees
Craig Forrest
Rick Foster
Erik Pullman

Commodore's Message

An old friend who knew of my sailing experience called me in early August 2005, not quite a year after I'd married and moved to Homer from Seward. "Do you want to sail in a race on Saturday? We crew for this friend of ours, and some of the other regular crew can't make it, so we're short-handed." So began my association with the Homer Yacht Club.

We come to the Homer Yacht Club from diverse backgrounds in life and in sailing. We are doctors and laborers, boat owners and crew hopefuls, old salts and novices. Some have racing experience, others dream of cruising or have already "been there and done that". With a relatively small membership, this diversity defines us as a group. It requires some subjectivity in our racing program, unthinkable to the hard-core fleets of the metropolitan sailing centers, with their multiple divisions and tiers. It demands that we not take ourselves too seriously, and invites us to share in a variety of sailing events suited to all dispositions and skill levels.

Our racing program has had consistently good participation the past couple of seasons, but I feel that our non-racing events have fallen by the wayside. I encourage everyone to start thinking *this winter* about ideas for fun "cruising" activities to add to our sailing schedule. I am heartened by volunteers who have already expressed an interest in leading this effort, and look forward to seeing what we can offer for greater diversity and camaraderie next season.

Fair winds -

Nina

Upcoming Events

📅 **Christmas Party: Saturday, December 12th**

Craig & Gayle Forrest's home, mile 10.7 East End Rd, about 2 ½ miles past the Fritz Creek Store. The driveway is on the left just past McNeil Canyon Meats, and directly across from Marimac Ave.

This year we are reverting to a potluck format so it will be affordable for everyone – the more the merrier! The club will buy prime rib, turkey, a keg, and sparkling cider. Bring whatever you would like to supplement this selection.

The party will include a silent auction of our closet treasures, with all proceeds going to the Homer Yacht Club to support our *U.S. Sailing* membership, club regatta insurance, and our various activities. So look around your home and consider whether you have a thing or two that might raise a little money for the Club. Some of us may have several, so don't worry if you can't think of anything to offer -- the donation of an auction item is *not required* for attendance at the party!

Don't forget your checkbook or cash, so you can renew your Club membership and bid on auction items!

Yachtsman of the Year Nominations

Presented at our Christmas party, this award is for a Club member who has made an exceptional effort or contribution to the Club in the past year. Please send your nomination, and reason for the selection, to Rear Commodore Rick Foster: rafoster@acsalaska.net

Event Report

Annual Meeting ushers in new officers

October 17th was our Annual Meeting with election of new flag officers and board members. While most of the incumbents remained or shifted positions, we will enjoy some new blood in the leadership this coming year. Carlin Rauch joined our slate of flag officers as Vice Commodore, and Erik Pullman joined the Board of Directors. While we are temporarily without an official Secretary, Marj Ringer has offered to fill the slot and will be confirmed at our December meeting (concurrent with the Christmas party). "Thank you!" to these folks for stepping up to offer some new energy to our leadership!

Race Report

Our 2009 race season was another great success, with all races completed for the second year in a row. It was great to see some good tight finishes, particularly with notable improvements in some of our newer race crews. Learning how to get the best out of your boat is what it's all about!

2009	Sourdough Regatta	Cooney Cup	Land's End Regatta	4th of July Regatta	Converse Cup	Kachemak Cup
1	Duit	Morning Star	Arctica	Morning Star	Morning Star	Martha J
2	Morning Star	Alandra's Lee	Alandra's Lee	Arctica	Alandra's Lee	Morning Star
3	Nereus	Tichuk	Gwylan	Alandra's Lee	Martha J	Alandra's Lee
4	Tichuk	Nereus	Morning Star	Winter Hawk	Arctica	Arctica
5	Martha J	Martha J	Martha J	Martha J	Nereus	Red US26
6			Lady J	Lewfi Girl	Crusader	Gwylan
7			Winter Hawk	Duit		Sea Sound
8			Lewfi Girl			
9			Tichuk			
10			Tiny Dancer			
11			Duit			
12			Nereus			

News

The Homer Spit Comprehensive Plan (from City website)

The City of Homer is preparing this Plan for the Homer Spit in order to describe a preferred future development plan and recommend public improvements. The Homer Spit is one of Alaska's best known tourism destinations and has experienced growth and development in recent years. As a result, the City of Homer is dealing with increasing traffic congestion, parking issues and new demands for public services on the Spit.

Planning for future growth, resolving current issues, and maintaining the unique character of the Spit will, in large part, be determined by this planning effort. The plan will be completed in the spring of 2010 and will address future land use, parking, pedestrian issues and conservation. The plan will serve to guide future community decision-making on the Spit for years to come.

A project website, www.homerspitfutureplan.com has been developed to offer plan materials, public meeting notices and other information about the project. The website also provides a direct email link to the project consultants so that citizens can comment directly to the project consultants.

HYC Website gets a New Look

A big "thank you!" to Ron Downing, who has generously taken over design, maintenance, and hosting of our website, all gratis. Check it out at www.homeryachtclub.org! Please send your photos and suggestions for the website to Ron at 60north@gmail.com.

Schedule of Yearly Activities

PRELIMINARY 2010 SAILING SCHEDULE				
	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
MAY		1	2	3
	7 Kachemak	8 Bay Shorebird	9 Festival	10
	14	15 Safe Sailing Exercises	16	17
	21	22	23	24
	28	29 Sourdough Regatta	30	31 Memorial Day
JUNE	4	5	6	7
	11	12 Cooney Cup to Seldovia	13 Cooney Cup return race	14
	18 Seldovia	19 Music Festival	20	21
	25 Regatta Seminar	26 Land's End Regatta race, dockside debriefing	27 Land's End Regatta race, awards banquet	28
JULY	2	3 4th of July Regatta	4	5 Holiday
	9	10	11	12
	16	17 Jakolof Bay BBQ	18	19
	23	24 KBBI Concert	25 on the Lawn	26
AUG	6	7 Converse Cup	8	9
	13	14	15	16
	20	21	22	23
	27	28	29	30
SEPT	3	4 Kachemak Cup	5	6 Labor Day
	10 Kachemak	11 Bay Wooden Boat	12 Festival	13
	17	18	19	20
	24	25	26	27

Pre-race meetings are on P float at 11:00 am
Sundays are make-up days for postponed or unfinished Saturday races
Cruise events are subject to change with advance notice

Bosun's Locker

5/8" external sail track, great for small boat project or for storm trysail track on full-sized sailing vessel. 12-ft lengths \$20, 6-ft lengths \$10 (retail \$79 and \$46 plus shipping). cvdaley@yahoo.com

Please submit information/articles for quarterly HYC newsletters to: judi@longpassages.org