



Flag Notes- July 2017

BAYVIEW DAZE IS over and was a great hit...lots of folks at both marinas for the 4th and the GREAT fireworks show! Thanks to the Bayview community, MacDonald's Resort, and to all those who contributed to the success of the show this year.

Thanks to those who decided to participate in the "Race for Hope" two weeks ago...too bad the wind didn't bother to show up for the day...sailors from both ends of the lake decided to call it off once it became apparent that the only progress they were making was on their sunburns. There's always next year!

Special Event this Friday evening- Join SSA and other sailors for an evening of great entertainment. With the predicted heat and light airs, attending the screening of "Sense The Wind" on Friday, July 7th at 7:30 PM at the Panida Theater is your best bet for cool entertainment value! As you can read in both the Reader and Sunday's edition of the (almost) Daily Bee, this documentary about blind sailors is inspirational and intriguing. After the film, the Director & Producer Christine Knowlton will be here in person to lead a question and answer session about the film and her drive to realize her dream. Sandpoint Sailing Association is sponsoring the film and Christine's presence in Sandpoint. Please share this invitation with all your friends, neighbors and relatives. Admission is only \$5. It will be a GREAT sailing and community even

Lots of events are coming up for cruisers and racers alike!

Now that we have all had a rest (or at least finished partying), we can look forward to July and August activities. First of all, for those of us who like to single hand out boats (or who don't have regular crew), on Saturday, July 8th we have the great Single Hander Race, sponsored by last year's winner, Gary MacDonald, and a pot luck for everyone after (since it is single hand racing, single hand or finger foods are the order of the day. We are looking for someone who can help with set up and take down, and be a point of contact for the pot luck. As for the race participants, sign up on the club site or get ahold of Steve Dahlstrom at lpoycrc@gmail.com.

July 22th is the 6th Annual Great Rubber Duck Relay for Everyone (that means not only club members, but anyone who has a sailboat, so pass the word around to all the marina folks. For the uninitiated, this is a relay race where boats take turns around a short course with a rubber ducky ring and hand it off to the next boat in the rotation. It's a fun race for everyone, racers and cruisers alike...meet at Bitter End at 10 AM for all the rules (if we have any this year) and setting up teams. We score on a handicap (generous reasons for scores) and squirt guns are authorized during the race. After the Rubber Duck relay, at about 1:00 in the afternoon, there

will be a "Good Excuse for a Party" party. Again, we are looking for folks who can assist with set up and take down...let us know if you are available to help out.

On the 29th, look for the Buttonhook Blast to return, (if we get some volunteers to help with the organizing and getting things over)...sail over to Button Hook at about 10 in the morning and let's have a pot luck BBQ about 2 in the afternoon, and wander back (or not) in the late afternoon. The BBQ grills and heavy duty food stuffs will come over on the committee boat, so if you have coolers, etc., meet the committee boat at the Bitter End main dock at about 10 in the morning.

Wednesday nite fun racing and BBQ's are scheduled for every Wednesday evening (funny how they always end up on Wednesdays) with boats meeting on the water at 6 PM. This is a chance to just get out and have fun sailing in a relaxed atmosphere race. So far 12 boats have come out with Kestrel, Eye Eye and Lady of the Lake in the lead, followed closely by Emerald, Nomad and Summer Dance. Wednesday nite racing will go through the end of August, so come out and have some fun.

Summer No-Wine-ing series continues on Sunday mornings with skippers meetings at 9 AM. Spirit, More Fun and Nomad lead the way for the fleets. Check the web site for more information.

AND Don't forget Barnacle Bill's Round the Lake cruise:

This year's Sail Around the Lake will take place on **Wednesday, July 19 through Sunday, July 23**. Get ready for a wonderful viewing of the Perseid Meteor Showers. The Perseids begin on July 17 and are visible through August 13. So, we will be sailing around the lake near the one-third mark of the "show".

Everyone is welcome for this fun flotilla sail around Lake Pend Oreille - - you know, the safety in numbers thing..... If you have not sailed to Sandpoint or other destinations at the north end of the lake, this is a great way to experience new sites and enjoy a fun trip.

Skipper's meeting for everyone who wants to participate will be at 1000 hrs. (that's 10am for any landlubbers); on the clubhouse deck at the Bitter End Marina, Bayview, ID on Wednesday morning, July 19. We will discuss where we are going and what the schedule looks like..... If you want to be part of the flotilla but cannot "make" the skipper's meeting, call me on the VHF radio as you sail north up the lake and I'll pass on all the info.

Here is the itinerary- I am thinking of having a first night (that's **Wednesday, July 19**) farther up the lake at **Beyond Hope Resort**... about 3/4 nm north of Memaloose Is. (across the lake from Elliot Point; NOT in Ellisport Bay where Hope and the floating restaurant are!!) Check out the NOAA chart. (**Lat 116 degrees, 17.5 min West; Lon 48 degrees, 13 minutes**)

There is a nice marina/resort there and a terrific restaurant that is associated with Ivano's in Sandpoint, but a different menu. The restaurant

has ten or so slips available for dining guests and we can add \$20 to stay overnight (As you enter the resort, these slips will be the first ones to starboard). If those slips are taken (ie we have too many boats)... there are also guest slips at the resort docks too. So, look forward to a neat evening at Beyond Hope - - plus we will conduct our "White Keel-Kicker" gift exchange (more info below) after dinner on the lawn - so bring your lawn chairs or a blanket to sit on.

BTW: there are showers available from the Beyond Hope Resort too. Nice folks there and great views.

We will be in Sandpoint on the evening of Thursday, July 20. There are slips available at the City Park Boat Basin and the Windbag docks. I called Sandpoint Parks and Rec. They do not make confirmed reservations over the phone or on-line. It's a first-boat-to-pay-gets-the-slip policy. To reserve a slip, you'll need to print the Sandpoint Parks and Rec Visitor Moorage Reservation form and mail it to the Parks and Rec folks along with your check. The form is available on their website.

To check the various slips available, go to the Sandpoint Parks and Rec website and click on the visitor (guest) moorage spreadsheet. This spreadsheet is by month and then date. So, you can see which slips are available and if any have shore power. Here is the link to the guest moorage spreadsheet - BTW: Sandpoint updated their spreadsheet software this spring... early reservations are still seen on the old spreadsheet; new reservations are on the new spreadsheet - - all a bit confusing. Plan on dinner in town (restaurant to be determined) or dine aboard your own boat (picnic in the park, etc).

Friday night - let's sail back down the lake to Whiskey Rock and tie up to the docks there. This should be a great place to watch the Perseid Meteor Showers, and to compare notes on our cruise so far. Drinking water at Whiskey Rock last year was a problem... so, fill up as needed in Sandpoint before you depart there. There's no restaurant - so dinner on your boat/dock... or bbq on the fire pit on shore.

Saturday night - plan on Buttonhook Cove and a get-together at the docks there. This should be another great star gazing event and a fitting "last evening" for this year's cruise. Dinner aboard your own boat... Don't forget that the restrooms near Buttonhook have been closed for several years. Pump out ahead of time would be prudent.

OKAY - - - White Keel-Kicker Gift Exchange - Don't forget that on Wednesday evening, after dinner, we will have another internationally-acclaimed "White Keel-Kicker Gift Exchange". We will do this on the lawn in

front of the Beyond Hope Restaurant with a beautiful view of the evening sunset. If you want to "play", bring a wrapped (make it pretty) gift for the exchange. A nautical theme, of course... The gifts giver's names will be put on a list according to FIFO. When all of the gifts are in the "pile", the first person on the list chooses a gift. DO NOT UNWRAP THE GIFT. The next person has a choice of stealing a gift that has previously been chosen (only one steal of a gift per "round") or choosing from the "pile". After all of the gifts have been chosen from the pile, then it's time to unwrap 'em. This is lots of fun for participants and audience alike. So, bring a gift and participate - yes, more than one participant per boat is allowed... Let's try to stay within a \$20 spending limit... okay???

And, if you cannot make the whole cruise, feel welcome to enter or depart at any point part way along the trip. Some folks have in the past just joined us for dinner or spent the night at Whiskey Rock or Button Hook..... Email or call if you have questions BarnacleBillHolcomb@gmail.com , <509 993-3214>... or catch me at the Bitter End marina.....

Summer is a time when we have a lot of guests...(courtesy of Quantum Sails)
One of the joys of boat ownership is sharing your love of sailing with friends and family. While most people have at least had a boat ride at some point in their lives, many have not actually sailed. If you are taking people out for their very first sail, here are some tips on how to sail with non-sailors.

Set Expectations

Prior to the day of the sail, give your guests some ideas as to what to bring and if they need to make any preparations. It's also important to make sure folks come fed and hydrated, even if there are plans to eat and drink on the trip. There seems to be a myth that if they are prone to motion sickness, they should not eat at all before sailing. The exact opposite is true! Also, have crackers on board that can be handed up easily just in case motion sickness becomes an issue.

Briefing

On the day of the sail, everyone will be excited to get out on the water, but consider having an informal chat with your guests before you leave the dock. Talk to them about: What weather conditions to expect while sailing

- Where to sit and which lines they may need to tend
- What terminology they will need to know and the names of the basic parts of the boat
- How to watch their heads around the boom and to be careful around the winch and lines
- What clothing you think your guests might want to use and whether or not a Personal Flotation Device (PFD) is appropriate
- How you will be departing the dock and your plan for where you are sailing
- Where the head is and how to use it

Moving about the boat

Once you've got the basics out of the way, focus on holding onto the boat. New sailors are prone to falling down or even off the boat because they aren't used to how the boat moves. To mitigate this risk, ask them to keep one hand for themselves and the other for the boat. Stress that one hand should always be holding on, especially when standing or moving.

Life Jackets

On larger boats, there is a tendency to feel immune from the need to wear PFDs. If your guests are comfortable not wearing them, at least make sure they are accessible and are easy to put on quickly if weather conditions change or to throw to a man overboard if needed. It's also important to make sure you have enough PFDs on board for all passengers. It's good to double check, especially if you're not used to sailing with a lot of extra people.

Maneuvers

The biggest concept of sailing that new sailors need to understand is that of tacking or coming about. Once you are out on the water and have just the mainsail raised, do a practice tack. Tell them what verbal command you will be giving before the tack, show them how the boom moves back and forth, and show them how to move from low to high. Give them a feeling for how the boat will move through the tack and how it will again begin to heel on the other side after the tack. If any of your guests would like a job, this is a good time to show them what you need them to do.

Food & Drinks

Hydration is very important especially if it's a hot sunny day. Make sure there is plenty of water on board for everyone for the whole trip and encourage your passengers to drink it...especially if they're also drinking adult beverages! When it comes to food, make sure you have something on board to snack on, no matter how long you plan to sail. Mother Nature loves to be unpredictable and when the wind dies down just shy of dinner, your group will be thankful for the granola bars, and crackers and cheese you packed.

Docking

When returning to the dock, explain to your guests how to help. Light fending is ok, but warn them that hands are not as tough as hulls. Remind people to keep clear in case of an emergency.

Keep it Fun-One last tip: If wind speeds are heavy, don't scare your guests. Fly a smaller headsail and put a reef in the main to keep the boat more upright and more comfortable. If there are children on board, give them a chance to crank a winch handle or a turn at the helm if conditions are safe to do so. Keep conversation flowing so you can easily assess if anyone is really feeling uncomfortable. Don't overdo the sail. Before heading in, take the sails down and give your guests a relaxing tour around the harbor by motor so you all can enjoy some snacks and each other before the day is over.

With a little preparation and forethought, your non-sailors can have a great day.

If you have paid your club dues, I have membership cards available for you...see me or let me know when you will be at the marina or on your boat so I can pass them out. I have to print them in batches of 8, so if I don't have yours right away, I'll get it to you when I have a batch. A reminder that club dues were due back in March, and several members haven't paid yet! Get your form and

checks to Cam Girton or me, or sign up on line at the club site and then get your dues to Cam Girton to stay active in the club.

Speaking of members, welcome these new and returning members and guests:
Phil and Mary Susan Ward (no boat yet, but want to cruise and participate)
Jess and Tracy Troyer (Into the Mystic)
Joseph and Pamela Skorupski (guest)
Cindy Shirts (crew on Eye Eye)
Mark and Leslie Sevegny (returning member)
Kevin and Katie Farrington (returning)

WEBSITE:

If you have pictures you would like to share or news that you wish to have posted, get the information to Brett Sullivan, our intrepid webmaster in chief...email to: bretts9669@me.com or get them to me and I will pass them on.

Goodies:

If you need a club burgee or a hat, get a hold of me. Burgees are \$25.00 and the hats are \$15.00.

And as always, if you have some news to share with the other members of the club, drop me a line ...lpoyced@aol.com and please put LPOYC in the subject line. More news will be posted on the site...www.lpoyc.org, so check it out.

May Neptune and Aeolis grant you fair winds and calm seas for your journeys.