

THE THOLEPIN

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*Robin Pestarino elected
as 2016 President of
OARS*

2015 OARS Annual Meeting

The annual OARS meeting was held at the Anacortes Yacht Club on October 24th. Approximately 41 persons were in attendance and music was provided by Adair Orr, Frank Orr, and David Jackson.

President Jackson opened the meeting with remarks about the past year and gave self made gifts of wooded spoons of appreciation to Torgy Torgersen, and Robin Pestarino for their work in the club during the past year. He also thanked the officers and trustees for their contributions during their term of office. He related that four members have become masters this past year. They were Bill Epler, Jack Darnton, Cathy Schaeffer, and Charley Drake. David was presented with a gift of a leather belt made by Torgy Torgersen for his service as President.

Elections were held for the officers for the coming year. Those nominated were: Robin Pestarino for President; Torgy Torgersen for Vice President; Cathy Schaeffer for Secretary; and Bill Epler for Treasurer. They were elected with a unanimous vote. The following were nominated for Trustee position: Von Kuehn; and Christine Mathes. They were also elected with a unanimous vote. David Jackson as past President will also serve as a trustee for the coming year.

Torgy Torgersen introduced the speaker for the evening, Dale McKinnon, who had built her own dory and rowed it from Ketichan, Alaska to Bellingham. She had many adventures along the way and met some incredible people who helped her along the way.

An auction was held at the end of the meeting for some decorative wooden blocks made by Carl Meinzinger, who was an important part of the early formative years of OARS. Carl passed away this past year. Robin Pesterino was the high bidder for the blocks.

Bill Testerman,

Website Committee



2016 OARS Officers

Board of Directors:

President: Robin H. Pestarino

Vice President: Torgy Torgersen

Secretary: Cathy Schaeffer

Treasurer: Bill Epler

Trustees:

David Jackson

Von Kuehn

Christine Mathes

Committee Chairs:

Archives – Vicki O'Brien

Bosun – Charley Drake

By-Laws – Mindy Sorenson, Christine Mathes, Torgy Torgersen, Robin Pestarino, & David Jackson

Crew 4081 – Kristi Kefgen and David Jackson

Financial Reports – Bill Testerman

Maintenance Supervisor – Marty Foot

Membership – Bill Epler

Procedures Manual – Mindy, Christine Torgy Torgersen, Robin Pestarino

Racing Coordinator: Christine Mathes

Safety – Jim Laurel

Scheduling – Chuck Ackerman

Shelter – Gary Sandvig

Tholepin – Anita Ruzich

Website – Bill Testerman

*Vacant
Positions:*

*OARS
Merchandise*

*Boat Trailer
Manager*



Safety Tips

It is a fair guess that most of us are significantly over the age of 12 and therefore exempt from being required to wear a PFD (personal flotation device) while in the boat. But with our maturity hopefully comes good judgment. And good judgment should lead us to always wearing a PFD while in the boat and on the dock.

OARS provides PFDs for each person on board, but just having them on board provides little or no protection in the event of an accident. The most likely scenario for going in the water is probably an event that happens so fast you would not be able to get a PFD out of the storage pouch and on your body before you are immersed. With our 50 degree water you would be hard pressed to do much to help yourself without the support of a PFD.

Many rowers purchase an inflatable PFD to take advantage of the comfort and mobility they offer. The US Coast Guard recognizes these for special uses, but there are many types, so you need to select carefully and read the labels. Prices start at about \$100, but vary significantly depending on the features, construction and periodic sales events. One of the major purchase considerations is auto-inflate vs. manual inflate. Either type provides a CO2 cartridge for inflation, but the manual inflate requires the wearer to pull a cord to trigger inflation. All types provide a means for inflation by mouth as a back-up.

If you own an inflatable PFD you should check it often to ensure it will perform properly. Here are some basic steps:

- Unfold and visually inspect for wear and damage
- Manually inflate it and leave it inflated overnight to check for leaks

- Check the CO2 cartridge for punctures or deterioration. Weighing the cartridge can be a method for determining its state of charge (check your owner's manual).

Auto-inflate models require periodic replacement of the trigger component(s). Again, check your owner's manual. If you don't have it you can probably find it on-line.

At the outset I stated that a PFD should be worn on the dock as well as in the boat. While we usually think a dunking will occur while out in the boat, it is probably more likely to happen as the result of a mis-step on the dock or while embarking or disembarking (just ask me, I know!). Should that happen it is also likely you will hit your head or otherwise be injured and the PFD might make all the difference in the outcome.

Further suggestions related to dock safety are:

Next time you are at the dock make a mental note where the safety climb-out ladder(s) are located...you will need it to get out. One is at the front (east) end inside the shelter near the Bonaventure.

Avoid leaving a crew member at the dock on their own. Having another person available to help in the event of a fall and/or injury could be a life saver.

Jim Laurel,

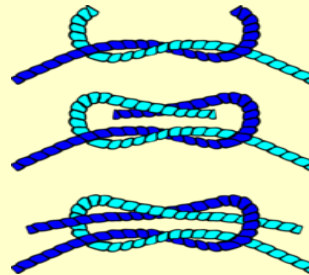
Safety Committee



The Ideal Knot

"Holds fast" in all conditions for the intended purpose. Can be taken apart easily when necessary. Is never "nearly right"; it is either exactly right or it is "hopelessly wrong." *Clifford Ashley. 1944. The Ashley Book of Knots. Doubleday & Co., Garden City, N.Y.*

Torgy Torersen,
Vice President



Oars Master Calendar

<p>January</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Non-Profit Corp Annual Report 2. Board Mtg 4th Tue, 10:30, Chamber 3. OARS Mtgs, 1st and 3rd Friday, 0730, Bowling Alley 4. Annual slip fee, \$4100 5. Emerald Marine, \$100 rent 	<p>February</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PO BOX, \$58 2. Web Site, \$54 3. Board Mtg 4th Tue, 10:30, Chamber 4. OARS Mtgs, 1st and 3rd Friday, 0730, Bowling Alley 5. Emerald Marine, \$100 rent 	<p>March</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Board Mtg 4th Tue, 10:30, Chamber 2. OARS Mtgs, 1st and 3rd Friday, 0730, Bowling Alley 3. Trailer license, E. Bonaventure, \$70 4. Emerald Marine, \$100 rent
<p>April</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Board Mtg 4th Tue, 10:30, Chamber 2. OARS mtgs, 0730, Bowling Alley 3. Liability Insurance \$425 4. Emerald Marine, \$100 rent 	<p>May</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Board Mtg 4th Tue, 10:30, Chamber 2. OARS mtgs, 1st and 3rd Friday, 0730, Bowling Alley 3. Trailer license, \$42 4. Small Boat Messabout, Club Potluck, \$100 5. Emerald Marine, \$100 rent 	<p>June</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Board Mtg, 4th Tue, 1030, Chamber mtg rm 2. OARS mtgs, 1st and 3rd Friday, 0730, Bowling Alley 3. Trailer license (2) \$84 4. Waterfront Festival, \$100 1st Weekend 5. Port/City Row Program (June-Aug) 6. Emerald Marine, \$100 rent
<p>July</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Board Mtg, 4th Tue, 1030, Chamber mtg rm 2. OARS Mtgs, 1st and 3rd Friday, 0730, Bowling Alley 3. 4th of July Parade 4. Emerald Marine, \$100 rent 	<p>August</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Board Mtg, 4th Tue, 1030, Chamber mtg rm 2. OARS Mtgs, 1st and 3rd Friday, 0730, Bowling Alley 3. Potluck, Skyline Cabana 4. Emerald Marine, \$100 rent 	<p>September</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Board Mtg, 4th Tue, 1030, Chamber mtg rm 2. OARS Mtgs, 1st and 3rd Friday, 0730, Bowling Alley 3. Interested Person Friday Rows, 0815 4. Emerald Marine, \$100 rent
<p>October</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Board Mtg, 4th Tue, 1030, Chamber mtg rm 2. OARS Mtgs, 1st and 3rd Friday, 0730, Bowling Alley 3. Director, Officer, Master Ins, \$1100 4. Annual Meeting, \$150 AYC rent, speaker fee. 5. Emerald Marine, \$100 rent 	<p>November</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Board Mtg, 4th Tue, 1030, Chamber mtg rm 2. OARS Mtgs, 1st and 3rd Friday, 0730, Bowling Alley 3. Veteran's Day Salute Nov. 11th 4. Emerald Marine, \$100 rent 	<p>December</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Board Mtg, 4th Tue, 1030, Chamber mtg rm 2. OARS Mtgs, 1st and 3rd Friday, 0730, Bowling Alley 3. Emerald Marine, \$100 rent 4. OARS Member's Dues

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