



# THE THOLEPIN

## The Rebuilding of the ERICA

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The Erica has had an interesting life so far. She is a 21' 2", 300-pound gig that was commissioned in 1984 and has been with the Old Anacortes Rowing Society ever since. Sometime in the 1990s she was skewered by a forklift in her midsection and had extensive damage. She was rebuilt and back in service until her latest accident in September of 2013 when the lines gave out and she fell while being lifted to be trailered.

The original thought after that accident was that the cost to repair her was greater than she was worth. After years of discussion, a few members wanted to put her in a wooden boat school as a class project to have her repaired and returned to OARS. In February of 2016, our professional boat building members took another look at her and decided she could be repaired for less than first thought and that she was worth the time and investment to do so.

The members voted to have the work done locally instead of taking her to the school in Port Townsend or to ship her elsewhere. The repairs will be done at Emerald Marine, supervised by Andy Stewart, owner, master builder and OARS member. The quality of Andy's work is well known by our members. Andy has given us a discount on his normal shop rate. Some of our well qualified members will be helping Andy in the repair, this will reduce the cost of \$8,115.00 even more.

The work has begun and is expected to be finished in the middle of March. We members will be called upon to finish her with sanding, painting, etc. The work is being photo documented and we will have a full report at our meeting upon her completion. There will be a ceremony when she is splashed and we would like to have all of you attend.



Encouraging OARS Members to submit your articles for upcoming additions of the Tholepin to Anita Ruzich at [anitaruzich@gmail.com](mailto:anitaruzich@gmail.com). No later than the last Friday of each month, to be published in the following month.

Even though we have the money for the repairs in our treasury, there will be other costs to get the Erica back into service. We are collecting her equipment but we know that some of it has been used by other boats in our fleet and must be replaced. We will also need two new oars for her – we will be using the Island Star's or the Glide's wooden oars in the meantime when the Erica is put into the rotation of active-use boats.

If you would like to donate to the Erica Fund, please send your contribution to O.A.R.S., with "Erica Fund" in the "memo" line on your check and send it to Bill Epler, Treasurer, P. O. Box 414, Anacortes, WA 98221. These monies will be used only for the Erica repair and refitting of her gear. Thank you for considering this wonderful cause,

Robin H. Pestarino  
President  
Old Anacortes Rowing Society

### *La Conner Racing Photo*

Vicki O'Brien, Pricilla Legg, Christine Mathis, Sue Guterbrock, Cathy Schaefer, Robin Pestarino

& Mascot Lexie



## Annie C Inspection Report

February, 2016

### Overview

Annie C was inspected on February 4, 2016, by Torgy Torgersen and Marty Foot. The purpose of the inspection was to determine what, if any repairs need to be performed in 2016. Annie C was last reconditioned in 2013 and according to the records that I have it does not appear that any work has been performed on her since.

In general, she was found to be in fairly good condition. The major finding was that the bottom paint should be re-applied this season. She was used by the Women's Racing Team at LaConner on February 6, and returned to the water.

### Hull Exterior

The hull exterior was washed prior to inspection. The bottom paint is starting to deteriorate and is in need of being re-coated this year. There were no visible scrapes, dings or any other kind of damage on the bottom. No barnacles were seen and there is a very small amount of algae growth in places, particularly around the stern.

The paint on the topsides is in fairly good condition. There were no visible scrapes, dings on the topsides. Topsides paint would not necessarily need to be addressed this year.

### Interior

The interior was found to be in generally good condition. There is no serious wear or damage of any kind. The following items were noted:

- Gunwales: Minor scrapes and dings where they have been banged with oars
- Thwart Knees: Some have been marred by contact with oars
- Stretcher Supports: Worn
- Stringers: Both sides are worn
- Thwarts: Good Shape
- Interior Hull Surfaces: Generally, in very good shape.

**Recommendation:** Pull Annie C sometime this summer and re-apply bottom paint.

Do a more thorough reconditioning in 2017.

### Boat Maintenance Update:

This year is shaping up to be a busy year for boat maintenance. We will have at least one major reconditioning project and we are working to determine what other work will be required.

We know that Erica will need to be reconditioned inside and out as soon as Emerald Marine completes the repairs that were recently approved. This will be a major project. The level of effort required to recondition her is expected to be a similar to the amount of work expended on Island Star this past summer. Once she is reconditioned, she will be returned to the fleet so that other boats can be taken out of service for maintenance without affecting rowing schedules.

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Glide was last reconditioned in 2012, and her bottom was re-painted in 2014. She will be inspected later this month. Once we have those inspection results we will be able to finalize the maintenance plan for this year and next. Glide's oars will need to be refinished this year.

## Oars 2016 Master Calendar

January	February	March
1. Non-Profit Corp Annual Report 2. Board Mtg 4 <sup>th</sup> Tue, 10:30, Chamber 3. OARS Mtgs, 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday, 0730, Bowling Alley 4. Annual slip fee, \$4100 5. Emerald Marine, \$100 rent	1. PO BOX, \$58 2. Web Site, \$54 3. Board Mtg 4 <sup>th</sup> Tue, 10:30, Chamber 4. OARS Mtgs, 1st and 3rd Friday, 0730, Bowling Alley 5. Emerald Marine, \$100 rent	1. Board Mtg 4 <sup>th</sup> Tue, 10:30, Chamber 2. OARS Mtgs, 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday, 0730, Bowling Alley 3. Trailer license, E. Bonaventure,\$70 4. Emerald Marine, \$100 rent
April	May	June
1. Board Mtg 4 <sup>th</sup> Tue, 10:30, Chamber 2. OARS mtgs, 0730, Bowling Alley 3. Liability Insurance \$425 4. Emerald Marine, \$100 rent	1. Board Mtg 4 <sup>th</sup> Tue, 10:30, Chamber 2. OARS mtgs, 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday, 0730, Bowling Alley 3. Trailer license, \$42 4. Small Boat Messabout, Club Potluck, \$100 5. Emerald Marine, \$100 rent	1. Board Mtg, 4 <sup>th</sup> Tue, 1030, Chamber mtg rm 2. OARS mtgs, 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday, 0730, Bowling Alley 3. Trailer license (2) \$84 4. Waterfront Festival, \$100 1 <sup>st</sup> Weekend 5. Port/City Row Program (June-Aug) 6. Emerald Marine, \$100 rent
July	August	September
1. Board Mtg, 4 <sup>th</sup> Tue, 1030, Chamber mtg rm 2. OARS Mtgs, 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday, 0730, Bowling Alley 3. 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Parade 4. Emerald Marine, \$100 rent	1. Board Mtg, 4 <sup>th</sup> Tue, 1030, Chamber mtg rm 2. OARS Mtgs, 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday, 0730, Bowling Alley 3. Potluck, Skyline Cabana 4. Emerald Marine, \$100 rent	1. Board Mtg, 4 <sup>th</sup> Tue, 1030, Chamber mtg rm 2. OARS Mtgs, 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday, 0730, Bowling Alley 3. Interested Person Friday Rows, 0815 4. Emerald Marine, \$100 rent
October	November	December
1. Board Mtg, 4 <sup>th</sup> Tue, 1030, Chamber mtg rm 2. OARS Mtgs, 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday, 0730, Bowling Alley 3. Director, Officer, Master Ins, \$1100 4. Annual Meeting, \$150 AYC rent, speaker fee. 5. Emerald Marine, \$100 rent	1. Board Mtg, 4 <sup>th</sup> Tue, 1030, Chamber mtg rm 2. OARS Mtgs, 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday, 0730, Bowling Alley 3. Veteran's Day Salute Nov. 11 <sup>th</sup> 4. Emerald Marine, \$100 rent	1. Board Mtg, 4 <sup>th</sup> Tue, 1030, Chamber mtg rm 2. OARS Mtgs, 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday, 0730, Bowling Alley 3. Emerald Marine, \$100 rent 4. OARS Member's Dues

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