

# The Tholepin

September 2016

## Old Anacortes Rowing and Sailing Society

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**Bill & Anne Testerman**
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### The Tholepin Submittals

Remember to Submit your articles, photos, safety information, knots, and any other interesting tidbits to Vicki O'Brien at [obrivi@gmail.com](mailto:obrivi@gmail.com). Deadline is . . . sometime in the last week of the month! Thanks, Vicki

### WALT & SUSAN DIRECTS THE SHELTER WORK PARTY

At least 16 OARS members turned out on Saturday, August 20 to help clean and repair the OARS shelter. Our thanks to Marty, Charlie, Nancy, Chuck, Rudy, Simone, Mindy, Jack, Phil, Carol, Dave, 2 Jims, Cathy, and Bill McGaw for their help.

Also a big shout out to Lin Folsom, who made "Mud Hen" available as a work platform! We didn't take a roll of those who came; if we forgot your name, we are still grateful for your help!



Everyone was cooperative and enthusiastic. A few who will remain nameless did not wear life jackets. No blood was left on the shelter and, as far as we know no feelings were hurt. The yummy snacks were mostly untouched and had to find homes at the end of the day. Only five members took advantage of the pizza lunch.

We moved the boats, learning that they could be paddled not just rowed. We raised the sides, scraped the rust off the supports, tightened the accessible set screws in the frame, and repainted the frame.

We also repaired the North side doors thanks to Bill McGaw's instruction of our intrepid sewing team, who also repaired some of the tie-down tapes for the doors. We also cleaned and patched the cloth on the West end of the shelter. We've made arrangements to have the fabric at the Southwest corner repaired professionally and plan to repair the doors on the South wall in the future.

We will be purchasing more stainless steel strap ratchets to gradually replace the corroding ones. We replaced the two worst ones but more need to be replaced.

Many hands made light work, and again we heartily thank all who gave of their time on a hot day to help.



*Susan and Walt Guterbock, Co-Leads, Shelter Maintenance*

## **WATERFRONT FESTIVAL – ANACORTES 2016**

**For those of you who made it down to the festival, and enjoyed the Ukulele music, you might have noticed a couple of familiar faces!**



**PHOTOS AND ARTICLES ARE ALWAYS WELCOME  
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## ANN & BILL TESTERMAN



**Beginning of the 100-mile wilderness in Maine, which is the last part of the Appalachian Trail ending at Mount Katahdin**

### WARNING !!!

The story you are about to read will make you feel totally inadequate, you will want to get up off the couch and run a marathon, bike Mt. Erie, or paddle board across Guemes **channel**... without a paddle!

Bill and Ann have hiked the 2000-mile-long Appalachian Trail. Which they broke it up in two hikes of 1000 miles each during the spring months. The photo on their bikes was a ride down the Pacific Coast which was about 1700 miles. They have also biked across the Southern U.S. for approximately 3000 miles. They did the Camino walk in Spain which was 500 miles. And, a bike ride on the canals (C & O and Erie) of approximately 800 miles.

Bill and Ann spent two years in the Peace Corps in Peru, working with the Peruvian Government in an artificial insemination project to improve the milk production of the local cattle.

They were in Bolivia for two years with Christian Veterinarian Mission, a branch of World Concern in Edmonds, WA, at a veterinary school giving students a chance to work with animals in communities that did not have access to veterinary services. A win-win situation for animal owners and students as the owners received care for their animals and the students gained experience working with the animals.



**The end of the Pacific Coast bicycle ride from Anacortes to San Diego.**

Bill and Ann joined OARS in 1986, and since Ann grew up on Vashon Island she has been around boats and sailing all her life. Bill grew up in rural Tennessee, and **didn't** learn a lot about boats until he met Ann. Bill says, “she is Captain Ann when we go boating”.

When I asked my favorite question, “**what** can you tell me that most of your OARS friends do not **know**”? Bill says, “instead of buying a sexy Corvette when he turned **40...** he went to clown school”. You will see him in 4<sup>th</sup> of July parades, school carnivals and **children's** birthday parties riding his unicycle, playing the ukulele and juggling. Their oldest daughter Shelley is also a clown.

Speaking of juggling – that is **Ann's** specialty, for the family. She organizes all their trips and when she had to get ready to move them and their three girls ages 4, 6, and 8 to Bolivia she was overwhelmed. After making travel and housing arrangements, and packing up 20 boxes she sat on the edge of the bed and cried. But, she did it and they both agree the years they spent in third-world countries shaped their lives and made the whole family who they are today. “**We** learned that we are all alike and want the same thing for our children and **families.**” Ann explained how incredibly generous the people are. “They

are so poor by our standards; but, if you stop to visit they will go and kill their last chicken to feed their guests”. And she commented on how pleasant it is to live without all the advertising that Americans are being bombarded with daily. They did not have a TV and to this day their children do not have any in their homes.

After spending a wonderful two hours visiting with the Testamans, I was so exhausted I had to go home and take a nap. Since they had ridden their bikes to the deli, they probably circumnavigated the globe before dinner time !!!



**The large cathedral in the background is the ending of the Camino walks in Santiago Spain, which is 500 miles' long.**

### **Items of interest to Masters and Master Wannabes**

Masters are reminded to take advantage of the nice weather and get your annual required maneuvers testing completed (docking, serpentine, crew overboard). This can be done with your regular crew and should be done as both a refresher for the cox/master and a learning experience for the entire crew. When you complete the test(s) be sure to fill out the test tracking log in the front of the log book.

OARS members who are interested in becoming a Master should first review the appropriate

sections in the Procedure Manual. If you feel you want to pursue a Master certification you should contact a member of the Safety Committee to verify prerequisites and to be logged into the certification process. You will then be assisted through the process of preparation and testing.

Note that the expectations of an OARS Master extend beyond capabilities of safe handling of boats and crew. OARS Masters should participate in OARS activities, regularly attend OARS meetings and encourage crew members to do the same.

-Jim Laurel  
Safety Committee Chair  
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## From the President

It is now time to think about nominations of OARS' officers for the next year. A slate of nominees will be sent 14 days before the October 22, 2016 Annual Meeting. The vote will be taken in person that evening. According to our By-Laws, ARTICLE IV: Meetings - ..."Seven members, including three officers, shall constitute a quorum." We hope to see you there to participate in your club's very important business.

The Board is offering the following slate for consideration; however, we are accepting any nominations the general membership may wish to offer. If you have a person in mind for a particular office, please contact that person before you give us their name. We will follow up on your suggestions and add them to the slate. They must be a member in good standing and willing to serve the entire length of their term of office.

The president appoints the heads of all standing committees, they are not voted on. The Immediate Past President is not voted on, they serve one (1) year as a counselor to the Board and is an Ad Hoc, non-voting member. The Vice-President is a three (3) year term serving as Vice-President, President and

**Immediate Past President.** The Secretary and Treasurer are one (1) year positions that may be renewed with the vote of the general membership.

The proposed slate of officers for 2017 is as follows:

President - Jack Darnton  
Vice-President - Cathy Schaeffer  
Secretary - Simone Spiess  
Treasurer - Bill Epler

If you have other names, including your own, to add to any of these positions, please call Robin [360.202.0006](tel:360.202.0006), [rpestarino46@hotmail.com](mailto:rpestarino46@hotmail.com). The names will be added to the slate to be voted on at the Annual Meeting.



If you recognize these illegal fishermen, please report them to the Board of Directors!!!



## Those OARS People

On Friday's they gather at Storks,  
Those folks who row and sail.  
Their interest are boats and water  
And spinning a tall tale.

Coming to the boats they find their place  
In the bow, as cox, or in the engine room.  
Then they are at peace as they row  
Like a weaver at their loom.

To move a boat through the water with  
Friends is indeed a special treat.  
The bonding that comes through working  
Together just can't be beat.

Experiencing the slap of the waves on the gunnel  
And the salty air is the perfect way to start the day.  
In the darkness of winter, a special treat  
Is to catch the sun's first ray.

So come one and all if you would  
Like to dip in a paddle.  
Either the Erica, the Glide, or the Annie C.  
Will surely fit you like a saddle.