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Old Anacortes Rowing and Sailing Society

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JULY 4TH PARADE

THEME: "WEAR A LIFE JACKET"

Ahoy, and a big thanks to the OARS Members that participated in the 4th of July parade. Torgy made the little boats that Mindy and Cathy sailed in, others carried the OARS banner and the "Wear your Lifejacket" banner to promote boating safety.

Torgy towed the Erica with the grandchildren aboard. All marchers and kids in the boats had PFDs on. Even the little stuffed bear in the boat.



Participants:

Howard & Mindy Sorensen, Skip Dassler, Simone Spiess, Jane Billinghamurst, Charley Drake, Robin Pestarino, Torgy Torgersen, Cathy Schaeffer, Steve McLean, Bill Epler, Libby Walgamott and grandchildren, Vicki Stasch, Barbee Cromack & granddaughters, Marcia Berg & grandson, Leif

FEATURED OARS MEMBER

BY: MINDY SORENSEN



MINDY SAILING DURING THE JULY 4TH PARADE 2016

It was the year 1995 that I was introduced to the world of boating. Not knowing port from starboard, lazarette from anchor locker, sole from floor, overhead from ceiling my ignorance in boat terminology was quite evident. How to handle a power boat, definitions and terms of boating, living the life of a boater were all taught to me by my husband, Howie. Then came classes offered by the U.S. Power Squadron and after a few years I achieved the level of Advanced Pilot. Had Howie not been teaching the Navigation course which included Celestial Navigation, I might have advanced to the Full Certificate; but that is another story!

Originally from the East Coast, most of my years have been spent in the West: Southern and Northern California, Oregon and now Washington. Moving first to Mercer Island in 1983 and then to Anacortes in 1995, Washington has been my home state for the longest period of time. My professional life as an Executive Assistant taught me to learn the ups and downs (duh!) of the stock market, real estate particulars and the ethics of business. My last position was undoubtedly the most fascinating: working for a successful business man in Seattle as he was entering retirement. Each day brought a new list of items to accomplish which included assisting in running several of his and his family's homes and personnel, spending allowances, tracking business and social calendars for he and his wife and provisioning his 125' yacht.

Interests I have include kayaking, quilting, gardening and fully enjoying life with Howie and our Golden Retriever, Happy, and our family. What my fellow OARS members might not know about me is the question posed by Vicki O'Brien, Tholepin Editor. Hmmm was my first response. Might I get by saying that strawberry shortcake just isn't a favorite of mine? Instead I have settled on the name of our Grand Banks, "Göd Fornøjelse". These Danish words I stumbled over for the first few months of my boating career. No, it is not "God Forsaken" nor "Good for Nothing" as some of our fellow friends tried to hail us from on the water; "Göd Fornøjelse" means "have a good time" a phrase you might use when sending your children to the park to play.

Note: Vicki was traveling in Alaska and was not able to interview Mindy in person. Thank you Mindy for permission to print your bio.

OARS Membership Meeting Friday, August 5, 2016

San Juan Lanes Meeting Room
0730 -0800

1. Call to Order and Welcome - Robin Pestarino, President
2. Introductions
3. Minutes from June 15, 2016 - Cathy Schaeffer, Secretary
4. Treasurer's Report - Bill Epler, Treasurer
5. Unfinished Business
 - a. Events: Annual Meeting - Torgy Torgersen, Vice President
 - b. Shelter - Susan & Walter Guterbock, Chair
 - c. Bosun: Flares for Erica, new trailer & general report - Charley Drake, Chair
 - d. Summer Rowing Program - Jack Darnton, Chair
6. New Business
 - a. Website meeting - Jack Darnton, Jim Laurel & Robin Pestarino will be meeting to review and revise the OARS website
 - b. Events - Pot Luck Dinner - Torgy
 - c. Security Cameras - Jim Laurel
7. Other Business
8. Adjourn

Work Party for the OARS Shelter August 20th

We will have a work day on August 20 to repair the OARS shelter, starting at 9AM. This will involve lifting the sides, removing rust from the supports, and repainting the bare spots. We also need to clean and repair the curtain on the West entrance. If you can help, please call Susan or Walter Guterbock at 360-755-3751 or email to sguterbock@earthlink.net.

We need help from people who have done this before. We will also need ropes (50-75 feet long), wire brushes, a few ladders. We may have some work on the 21st as well depending on how the paint dries. Beer and pizza provided at the end of the day Saturday to all who help.

Thanks!

Walt Guterbock

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