

The Tholepin

Old Anacortes Rowing & Sailing Society

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Small Boat Lift Usage

We have two methods of lifting our boats out of the water when needed for reasons of maintenance, attending races and special events. The large lift at the end of the fairway between B & C dock has an attendant to run the lift. The marina also maintains a small boat lift at P dock which is a do-it-yourself facility for boats such as ours.

It is the policy of OARS that the use of the P dock small boat lift to haul out or launch OARS boats must only be done under the supervision of an OARS Master who has been trained and certified in the use of the lift. Lift certification requires successfully demonstrating its use to

launch and retrieve an OARS boat. The demonstration will include proper use of the lifting sling, trailer positioning, use of tag lines, directions to the support crew and adherence to the safety procedures. This requirement is for crew safety as well as for the protection of our boats and trailers.

The Safety Committee is compiling, and will maintain, a list of those Masters who are approved to supervise a haul out or launch using the small boat lift. Until such time as the list is published all OARS usage of the small boat lift must be approved in advance by the Safety Committee. Masters who wish to become qualified to use the small boat lift should contact the Safety Committee.

Although costlier to use, the lift operated by the marina is an excellent and easily available alternative.

By: Jim Laurel, Safety Officer



David Jackson... “Pulling Sticks”

Among other affiliations, David Jackson is the leader of Sea Scout Crew 4081. He is a certified marine surveyor, builder of wooden boats and past President of OARS more times than we can count.

When I asked David Jackson to tell me something about himself that his fellow OARS’ members may not know he said, “I’m a pretty vanilla guy”. Ya... Right!

Okay, there was the time he was sent to Tahiti to teach navigation to a most interesting group of ladies, (there might be more to this part of the story). The Tahitian people were happy to see the crew, and in the evenings they would all sit around and sing songs together.

And then the trip north to Grays Harbor with a 48-foot wooden ketch. A 6-foot, leatherback sea turtle came up alongside the boat 20’ away and looked at Jackson with wise old eyes.

Let’s see now... he was fired from the State of Washington Maritime Bicentennial committee once; but, not before he was able to get a budget passed to restore some precious money for new native canoes.

In 1990 David took his daughter to observe the Atlantic Challenge in Roskilde Denmark. Ten years later she returned as crew on the American boat, and to this day she sails out of San Francisco.

One salty tale stands out among many stories I enjoyed with David last week. It was an exceptional trip in 1989 when David, his young son and then wife, went to the Galapagos Islands to deliver an 87-foot aluminium ketch back to the owners in California. The boat had been doing serious whale research, some of which was documenting, for the first time, whales spiralling.

A highlight came early one morning when a speRoom whale came up along his wife and joined her in her morning swim. Another day brought a mile-long stream of pilot whales cruising past them. Off the coast of Mexico, a Coast Guard jet flew over; hours later a cutter came alongside and boarded their boat. Fortunately, the crew had cleaned and organized the boat for the long trip to San Diego, (dumping some “interesting” paraphernalia from the previous crew); the inspection went smoothly!

He will always remember an especially unforgettable night-watch with a huge full moon, seemingly ready to guide them back home.

Vanilla... Not So Much!

By: Vicki O’Brien, Archivist & Tholepin

April Boat Maintenance Update

A maintenance inspection was performed on Glide on March 24. The inspection found that Glide is in need of reconditioning inside and out. The hull and topsides have a significant amount of algae growth and the interior is showing serious wear consistent with four years of continuous use. No damage or breakage of any kind was noted. Glide was last reconditioned in 2012, and her bottom was repainted in 2014. She will be pulled from the water this spring for full reconditioning at a later date.



Ghost Ship Fidalgo Islands



Torgy working on the Erica

Work to repair the damaged stern on Erica is coming along well at Emerald Marine. Andy Stewart is doing a fine job. Repairs should be completed about mid-April and then we will begin reconditioning Erica inside and out. 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 in Glide's place so that Glide can be reconditioned.

By: Marty Foot, Maintenance

OARS 2016 Calendar

January	February	March
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Non-Profit Corp Annual Report 2. Board Meeting 4th Tue, 10:30, Chamber 3. OARS Meeting, 1st and 3rd Friday, 7:30, Bowling Alley 4. Annual slip fee, \$4100 5. Emerald Marine, \$100 rent 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PO BOX, \$58 2. Web Site, \$54 3. Board Meeting 4th Tue, 10:30, Chamber 4. OARS Meeting, 1st and 3rd Friday, 7:30, Bowling Alley 5. Emerald Marine, \$100 rent 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Board Meeting 4th Tue, 10:30, Chamber 2. OARS Meeting, 1st and 3rd Friday, 7:30, Bowling Alley 3. Trailer license, E. Bonaventure,\$70 4. Emerald Marine, \$100 rent
April	May	June
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Master's Meeting 1st Friday 7:30, Bowling Alley 2. Board Meeting 4th Tue, 10:30, Chamber 3. OARS Meeting 3rd Friday, 7:30 Bowling Alley 4. Liability Insurance \$425 5. Emerald Marine, \$100 rent 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Board Meeting 4th Tue, 10:30, Chamber 2. OARS Meetings, 1st and 3rd Friday, 7:30, Bowling Alley 3. Trailer license, \$42 4. Small Boat Messabout, Club Potluck, \$100 5. Emerald Marine, \$100 rent 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Board Meeting, 4th Tue, 1030, Chamber Meeting Room 2. OARS Meeting, 1st and 3rd Friday, 7:30, 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
July	August	September
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Board Meeting, 4th Tue, 1030, Chamber Meeting Room 2. OARS Meeting, 1st and 3rd Friday, 7:30, Bowling Alley 3. 4th of July Parade 4. Emerald Marine, \$100 rent 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Board Meeting, 4th Tue, 1030, Chamber Meeting Room 2. OARS Meeting, 1st and 3rd Friday, 7:30, Bowling Alley 3. Potluck, Skyline Cabana 4. Emerald Marine, \$100 rent 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Board Meeting, 4th Tue, 1030, Chamber Meeting Room 2. OARS Meeting, 1st and 3rd Friday, 7:30, Bowling Alley 3. Interested Person Friday Rows, 9:00 4. Emerald Marine, \$100 rent
October	November	December
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Board Meeting, 4th Tue, 1030, Chamber Meeting Room 2. OARS Meeting, 1st and 3rd Friday, 7:30, Bowling Alley 3. Director, Officer, Master Insurance, \$1,100 4. Annual Meeting, \$150 AYC rent, speaker fee. 5. Emerald Marine, \$100 rent 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Board Meeting, 4th Tue, 1030, Chamber Meeting Room 2. OARS Meeting, 1st and 3rd Friday, 7:30, Bowling Alley 3. Veteran's Day Salute November 11th 4. Emerald Marine, \$100 rent 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Board Meeting, 4th Tue, 1030, Chamber Meeting Room 2. OARS Meeting, 1st and 3rd Friday, 7:30, Bowling Alley 3. Emerald Marine, \$100 rent 4. OARS Member's Dues