

Old Anacortes Rowing & Sailing Society

May Newsletter 2016

Mark Your Calendars for Anacortes Summertime Events

- Pull and Be Damned Messabout
Saturday, May 14th
- Anacortes Waterfront Festival
Saturday June 4th and Sunday June 5th
- 4th of July Celebration
- Shipwreck Fest Saturday July 16th
- Arts Festival Saturday August 6th and
Sunday August 7th
- Oyster Run September 25th



NEW PLANKING INPLACE ON THE STERN OF THE ERICA

Erica Repair Work Has Been Completed

Andy Stewart has completed repairs to the stern of the Erica. Andy did an excellent job and once painted, one will not be able to tell that she was damaged. We moved the boat to the Emerald Marine shelter on Wednesday, April 20, and reconditioning began the week of April 25. We expect that the Erica will be ready to go back in the water sometime in mid-May.

Marty Foot will be contacting the various Masters to organize work parties in order to give as many OARS members as possible an opportunity to participate in the reconditioning of the Erica.

Again, many thanks to Andy for leading this effort and to David Jackson for working with Andy on the repair.

By: Marty Foot, Maintenance



See: Featured Member Article - Vicki Stasch

May is 'Check Your Bobbin Month'

Well, OK, not really. And we aren't talking about the bobbin in your Singer. But what you should check is the mechanism in your auto-inflate PFD (should you own one), which includes a water-sensitive bobbin. The bobbin dissolves in water which then triggers the automatic inflation. Check your owner's manual (get it on-line if you've misplaced yours) to determine the maintenance requirements. You will likely find that the bobbin should be replaced annually, the CO2 cartridge checked and a manual inflation performed to check for leaks.



By: Jim Laurel, Safety

Jetty Island Race 2016

We had a very good day in Everett on Saturday, April 2. The weather cooperated this year and the crew came in in record time.

Great job Crew!

Priscilla was Stroke, Robin coxed, Susan was #2, Simone #3 and Jane was #4. Our splendid Shore Crew was Cathy and Marilyn and Fortune & Bart Pestarino and Jim Soller. Cathy's daughter joined us for the race and helped row the boat to the shelter once we got home.

We all had a great time and are now looking forward to the Lake Sammamish Race.

Our Time: 1:14:33.6



Robin Accepting Lady Oars' First Place Ribbon
- Jetty Island Race 2016



Louie OARS Mascot

Jelly Roll Morten, Jo Cocker and Louis Armstrong....

What do these names all have in common?

Dogs, to be exact... Cocker Spaniel Dogs. Vicki and Dick have had three Cockers over the years; they have all been named after famous Jazz icons.

Growing up, Vicki's family all played music. Her mother played the piano, Vicki took dance lessons and her uncle was a professional musician.

Then she fell in LOVE... with Jazz! In the late 70's Vicki followed an international New Orleans Jazz band "High Sierra" on tours. She was a "Groupie", and still is! Vicki will pretty much go anywhere to listen to, dance to, and sing to music.

Lately, Vicki has added tap dancing and Ukulele to her list of musical talents.

Vicki spent her freshman summer working at Mt. Rainier at Paradise Lodge. She worked six days a week eight hours a day in the souvenir shop. Hitch-hiking to town on her days off, finding new trails and staying up all night laughing with her room mates made it the best summer she can remember.

Fondly remembering her father, Vicki talked about their trips together on his 14' boat that she helped fiberglass. Her Dad would eat salami sandwiches, smoke a cigar and tinker with the diesel motor. Vicki says, "to this day, I can't handle big rollers". Fishing for King Salmon and Halibut out of West Port, was a challenge and more than once they had to have the Coast Guard haul them back to shore.

Vicki enjoys being a member of OARS and Coxswain for Lady Oars; when she is on the water, Vicki feels especially close to her Dad. (Please leave the Cigars and Salami sandwiches on the dock).

In the late 90's Vicki was selected to be the leader of a Rotary group forum to East Germany. She was responsible for five people for five weeks traveling around and touring the area. They were assisted by, and stayed with local Rotary Club family members. Vicki still suspects that one of the hosts where they stayed was a former Nazi.

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Most of the adults did not speak English. As team lead, Vicki suggested they all learn enough of the language to make a presentation to the local club in German. Vicki felt it was important to show respect for their culture, and it was appreciated by the local people.

Always up for an outdoor adventure, Vicki and Dick camped at Washington Park their first time visiting Anacortes. Riding their bikes to town... in the rain little did they know, they would be coming back.

Last summer Vicki headed North to Alaska. After ten days of hiking mountains, riding trains, photographing "Humpbacks Whales "Bubble-net" feeding, climbing glaciers, petting Muskox, waving at Caribou, facing a Grizzly Bear, mushing a dogsled, and a tour to Mt. Denali... NO Moose. Woah, thanks to the midnight sun, on her last night around 11pm, she spied a Moose in its natural habitat— downtown Anchorage.

You might think that would be enough adventure for one summer! Not for Vicki, she was off to the Appalachian Trail in September.

By Vicki O'Brien

Lady OARS Article—Judged Top Sports Story

The Anacortes American's story last fall on the Lady OARS crews turned out to be a winner — just like our clubs dedicated rowers.

Reporter Joan Pringle's feature, headlined "Lady OARS race for camaraderie, exercise, sense of accomplishment," was judged the top sports story in the weekly newspaper division of Pioneer News Group's annual Recognizing Excellence in Journalism competition. There are 14 weeklies spread across Washington, Idaho, Utah and Montana in the group & seven dailies, including the Skagit Valley Herald.

The judges, all professional journalists from outside the Pioneer chain with decades for experience, were impressed with Joan's work. You will find the story at goanacortes.com.

"Not a traditional sports story, but one you can't stop reading & the kind of subjects more sports staff should tackle," they wrote. "The writer did an excellent job of capturing the spirit of the group by using lots of different voices & detailing the varied background of those involved."

By: Jack Darnton

Calendar 2016

<p style="text-align: center;">January</p> <p>Non-Profit Corp Annual Report Board Meeting 4th Tue, 10:30, Chamber OARS Meeting, 1st and 3rd Friday, 7:30, Bowling Alley Annual slip fee, \$4100 Emerald Marine, \$100 rent</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">February</p> <p>PO BOX, \$58 Web Site, \$54 Board Meeting 4th Tue, 10:30, Chamber OARS Meeting, 1st and 3rd Friday, 7:30, Bowling Alley Emerald Marine, \$100 rent</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">March</p> <p>Board Meeting 4th Tue, 10:30, Chamber OARS Meeting, 1st and 3rd Friday, 7:30, Bowling Alley Trailer license, E. Bonaventure, \$70 Emerald Marine, \$100 rent</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">April</p> <p>Master's Meeting 1st Friday 7:30, Bowling Alley Board Meeting 4th Tue, 10:30, Chamber OARS Meeting 3rd Friday, 7:30 Bowling Alley Liability Insurance \$425 Emerald Marine, \$100 rent</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">May</p> <p>Board Meeting 4th Tue, 10:30, Chamber OARS Meetings, 1st and 3rd Friday, 7:30, Bowling Alley Trailer license, \$42 Small Boat Messabout, Club Potluck, \$100 Emerald Marine, \$100 rent</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">June</p> <p>Board Meeting, 4th Tue, 1030, Chamber Meeting Room OARS Meeting, 1st and 3rd Friday, 7:30, Bowling Alley Trailer license (2) \$84 Waterfront Festival, \$100 1st Weekend Port/City Row Program (June-Aug) Emerald Marine, \$100 rent</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">July</p> <p>Board Meeting, 4th Tue, 1030, Chamber Meeting Room OARS Meeting, 1st and 3rd Friday, 7:30, Bowling Alley 4th of July Parade Emerald Marine, \$100 rent</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">August</p> <p>Board Meeting, 4th Tue, 1030, Chamber Meeting Room OARS Meeting, 1st and 3rd Friday, 7:30, Bowling Alley Potluck, Skyline Cabana Emerald Marine, \$100 rent</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">September</p> <p>Board Meeting, 4th Tue, 1030, Chamber Meeting Room OARS Meeting, 1st and 3rd Friday, 7:30, Bowling Alley Interested Person Friday Rows, 9:00 Emerald Marine, \$100 rent</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">October</p> <p>Board Meeting, 4th Tue, 1030, Chamber Meeting Room OARS Meeting, 1st and 3rd Friday, 7:30, Bowling Alley Director, Officer, Master Insurance, \$1,100 Annual Meeting, \$150 AYC rent, speaker fee. Emerald Marine, \$100 rent</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">November</p> <p>Board Meeting, 4th Tue, 1030, Chamber Meeting Room OARS Meeting, 1st and 3rd Friday, 7:30, Bowling Alley Veteran's Day Salute November 11th Emerald Marine, \$100 rent</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">December</p> <p>Board Meeting, 4th Tue, 1030, Chamber Meeting Room OARS Meeting, 1st and 3rd Friday, 7:30, Bowling Alley Emerald Marine, \$100 rent OARS Member's Dues</p>