

## CONDO 18 AND FLOUNDER BAY YACHT CLUB HISTORY

The Skyline Marina is a very special place. The moorage, facilities, unique location, proximity to the islands makes it a favorite location for all of us. However, most of us know very little about the marinas' development and the unique organizations we call Condo 18 and Flounder Bay Yacht Club.

Through the 1950's the marina waterway was a mill pond used to service the sawmill that was located in what is currently the Skyline Boat Barn. In the late 1950's the sawmill closed down. Doctor Neals, and a few investors, acquired the lower portion of Skyline and made an unsuccessful attempt to develop the property. There was a small airport in the area that is now Skyline Beach Club. Dr. Neals built a restaurant, which was later moved to the current location due to parking restrictions. He also put in a swimming pool that was eventually closed and filled in.

Harry Davidson Inc., a Washington based developer, purchased the property in the early 1960's. He gradually acquired all of the property within Skyline boundaries. With huge rocks from our local quarry he created the keys and filled them in with all of the material from the first dredging project thus creating many new home sites. Skyline was developed by Divisions. The Skyline Marina being Division 1. Divisions 17 and 18 were completed, sold and given to the owner's to manage in 1970. Harold Mousel is the sole owner of the 50 moorages in Division 19.

The original docks in Division 18 were wood which was deteriorating. The Board of Directors replaced the fingers with concrete in 1985. In 1987, with owner's assessment approval, the main docks were replaced with concrete. The original pilings are still in good shape.

Harry Davidson deeded the waterway to the City of Anacortes in 1982. They would only accept it with the proviso that they would not be responsible for maintenance. We gave Harold Mousel an easement over 20 feet of our parking lot so he would have room to build the Condomiums. Dan Danielson was elected to the Board of Directors, as secretary in 1980. Few years later the board made him the manager with a small salary

The original gravel parking lot was resurfaced with black top in 1984 at a cost of \$10,620. The first shore side facility was built in 1989 at a cost of \$87,657. The Clubhouse was built in 1996 for \$27,837. The carpeting was purchased from Boeing Surplus. Jeanne Danielson has been the sole Condo secretary and record-keeper until 2007 when Mel Whitney started doing some of the record keeping.

In the mid 1980's, a number of people here were very interested in expanding Condo 18 with a Yacht Club. The original suggestion for a yacht club at our Condo first came from Shirley Ward. At the Annual Meeting in 1989, the proposal was made by Stan and Shirley Ward, and that proposal was approved by the Condo Board. Bill and Susan Carlisle toured several operating yacht clubs to see how they operated and how to develop a new yacht club here. The name, FLOUNDER BAY YACHT CLUB was selected as a club name and a design was made for the burgee that contained elements from the Royal Canadian Yacht Club (the Wards' former yacht club) and the

Sausalito Yacht Club (the Carlisle's former yacht club) burgees. Place mats for the annual meeting were designed and produced by Susan showing the burgee on the front and great reasons to become a yacht club on the back.

Some of the suggestions for the new yacht club were:

The name; Flounder Bay Yacht Club,

The club would be an auxiliary to the Condo 18 Association

Slip owners were automatically Yacht Club members

A reciprocal program would be actively promoted

There would be on-deck social activities

Slip renters within the Condo 18 facilities could join the yacht club

Fees generated by the renters would help support the yacht club

At the next annual meeting of Condo 18, all the ideas were presented and adopted by the Condo Owners. As Susan and Bill started gathering reciprocal information, Dan and Jeanne Danielson started the management plan for the club.

In 1990 at the Condo 18 annual meeting, Susan was elected the first Commodore and Bill was elected Secretary. Susan remained Commodore for 3 years. In 1993, Marty Rowen was elected as the second Commodore of the FBYC, and Susan became Secretary (and continued to serve for the next several years).

The reciprocal program was started and operated on the honor system with all the forms kept in the laundry room, and continues to operate the same way. Our flagpole is a used mast and was donated by the Anacortes Yacht Services. Gene Knokey designed and added the yardarm to the flagpole.

When the owners decided to build the second building and enlarge the deck, it was agreed that the yacht club, now mostly run by the slip-renters, could use the building as a club headquarters, as it remains today.

Initially, we were just a bunch of boaters with similar intentions – to have fun. Now we were a yacht club with officers, a reciprocal program, a social program and a headquarters. About 1998, John and Martha Adams with Jerry and Pam Munson started to improve the off-shore cruising rendezvous food fare from just light hors d'oeuvres to a full-fledged cocktail happy hour and dinner on the dock. Subsequently, the clubhouse pot-lucks also ramped up to some pretty elaborate events, many of them just impromptu, but fun. On one occasion upon returning from a cruising rendezvous at Reid Harbor, Bill Arnett went to Safeway and bought two legs of lamb that Jerry Munson cooked on the BBQ. That particular clubhouse pot-luck was memorable!

About mid-way through John Adams' tenure as Commodore in 2000, some of the owner-members felt that the renter-members appeared to be taking over the YC. So the club returned to the main objective of being here, to go boating with our social activities only to enhance the boating activities. That formula appears to be working because we continue to have an active cruising schedule, active

reciprocal program, active social program and good cooperation between the yacht club and Condo 18, and we do have fun.

As of 2010, we still have 151 slips of which about 1/3 are use by renters. A dredging program for the entire marina is underway. Monthly Pot Lucks are put on by the club. There is an operating Internet Wi-Fi available to members of the club and their guests. Dan has made continual improvements on the docks, physical facilities and electrical systems. We have a facility we can be proud of that is clean, functional and safe for us and for our guests.

### **The Captain Ed Knowles Memorial Trophy**

This award was donated by Janet Knowles in memory of her husband, Captain Ed Knowles. Edwin L. Knowles was born on 8 May 1920 in Manhattan Beach, California and raised on Lake Washington. He was an Army Air force Captain and served as a B-17 pilot during World War II. It was on his retirement as Captain from the U.S. Coast Guard in August 1973 that he and Jan sailed home from the East Coast through the Panama Canal to Seattle. He was a true sailor, often sailing in and out of his berth in Flounder Bay without ever starting his engine. He loved sailboat racing, organizing races out of Flounder Bay whenever he could get a few sailors to join him, and was always available to assist anyone in the need of help on the decks. Ed was a true racer and personally paid for (and set up) racing buoys in Burrows Bay for weekly racing out of the Club. He would help anyone and would even do bilge work or go up masts if needed. He also enjoyed leading small groups of fellow boaters on treks up north, even to Alaska.

Ed died on November 19, 1994. After his death, the club wanted to honor members of the yacht club who had contributed exceptional service. It seemed a perfect match. Janet awarded the trophy to our first and three-time commodore, Susan Carlisle, in 1995 at our annual meeting. This award is given out only occasionally to members for outstanding contributions to the club or the boating community.

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## THE PEOPLE WHO MADE THIS ALL POSSIBLE

The Condo Board has been in operation for 40 Years. Some of the Board Members have dedicated many years of service in various Board capacities. A few of our Board Members have a long record of outstanding service and are listed here.

The Yacht Club is sanctioned by the Condo 18 Board. Many of the Bridge Members have also served on the Condo Board. The complete list of everyone who served on the Bridge would be too long to list, so only the Yacht Club commodores are listed here:

### CONDO 18 BOARD OF DIRECTORS – past and present

|                  |                     |                  |                     |
|------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Dan Danielson    | 30 Years of service | Ernie Handelmann | 14 Years of service |
| Jeanne Danielson | 30 Years of service | Dave Montague    | 17 Years of service |
| Jim Gauntt       | 22 Years of service | Don Avallon      | 15 Years of service |
| Russ Dean        | 20 Years of service | Dick Farrell     | 13 Years of Service |
| Jim McGinnis     | 10 Years of service | Cindy Burton     | 10 Years of service |

### Other Board Members – Past and Present

|              |                |               |               |
|--------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| John Reed    | Jim Torrance   | Bill Carlisle | Julian Lee    |
| Bud Beebe    | John Walker    | Art Neumarkel | Dave Hall     |
| Jim Macy     | Mike Millen    | Marty Rowen   | Warren Jensen |
| Frank Beatty | Dale Gronsdahl |               |               |

### FLOUNDER BAY YACHT CLUB

The Yacht Club has been in existence since 1989. Many members have served in several of the 13 positions since 1989. Here is a list of the Commodores only.

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|-----------------|-------------|---------------|------|
| Susan Carlisle  | 1989 – 1992 | Marty Rowen   | 1993 |
| Julian Lee      | 1994        | Dave Montague | 1995 |
| John Bond       | 1996        | Dick Reynolds | 1997 |
| Jerry Munson    | 1998        | Stan Ward     | 1999 |
| John Adams      | 2000        | John Reed     | 2001 |
| Dick Karstetter | 2002        | Rick Fouke    | 2003 |
| Kip Lewis       | 2004        | Chuck Wahtola | 2005 |
| Gordon Mau      | 2006        | Frank McCoy   | 2007 |
| Jeanie Brown    | 2008        | Ken Hunting   | 2009 |
| Bruce Evertz    | 2010        |               |      |

