

Port of Friday Harbor

April 2018

In the Spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours.

~ Mark Twain

When all the world appears to be in a tumult, and nature itself is feeling the assault of climate change, the seasons retain their essential rhythm. Yes, fall gives us a premonition of winter, but then, winter, will be forced to relent, once again, to the new beginnings of soft greens, longer light, and the sweet air of spring.

~ Madeleine M. Kunin

The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month.

~ Henry Van Dyke

## Opening Day!



The San Juan Island Yacht Club in partnership with the Port of Friday Harbor invites all island boaters to celebrate the start of the boating season with the annual

Opening Day Boat Parade, Sunday May 6th.

The Parade theme is "A Community Afloat". All craft are welcome from SUPs and kayaks to yachts, fishing boats and commercial vessels. Participation by local organizations, public services and businesses is encouraged - imagine a 4th of July Parade on the water.

This year we will be honoring island treasure Burke Critchfield as our Grand Marshall, as well



as providing special recognition for Our Island Stewards, the volunteer organizations that do so much to preserve and enhance our beautiful island home.

Parade participants are announced in front of local dignitaries and eligible to win up to 15 prizes provided by local merchants. Parade registration is free at [tinyurl.com/sjopeningday](http://tinyurl.com/sjopeningday)

A lasagna dinner open to the public will be served at the San Juan Island Yacht Club for a small charge starting at 6:00pm Sunday – all are welcome!



# Airport happenings!

## F hangar gets some tin!

The weather hasn't been terribly cooperative but that didn't stop Port Staff from diving into the siding and installing the first pieces of tin on the South end of the new hangar.

## Student Flight Class Completes!

Eight Island students have completed a series of introductory classes that took place over two months and covered aerodynamics, navigation, aircraft weather, aircraft systems, FAA flight regulations, maintenance and aircraft performance. The class was an excellent opportunity to learn about flying and at least one of the students is already planning to begin work on obtaining their private pilot's license. On the last night the students

got to take a flying tour of the islands, landing at Orcas, Roche and Friday Harbor.

Congratulations to those students and many thanks to instructors Dan Schwartz, Dan DeShon, and Mari Peterson!

## Wait for the gates!

Pilots, when entering or exiting the field in your vehicle, please take a deep breath and experience a zen moment while you watch and verify that the gates have closed behind you without any unauthorized mammals sneaking through. That vast field of spring grass is very enticing for island deer, who then pose a serious hazard for moving aircraft. Help keep both our airfield and wildlife safe.

## San Juan Aviation Museum honors Vicky Thalacker

Together with the San Juan Eagles, Vicky Thalacker is to receive recognition on the Museum's Honor Wall in 2018 for her leadership, vision and contributions to the community including starting a program of pilot volunteers to fly cancer patients to and from their medical appointments. The flights have brought relief and joy to patients who would otherwise have spent much more time driving and riding ferries, often on an almost daily basis.

Vicky, earned her pilot's license here on the Island at Friday Harbor Airport in 1988 in a Cessna 172 she purchased while still a student pilot. She founded the San Juan Eagles program in 2002, including a contingency plan



of funding for ferry vouchers when weather was less than cooperative. About 20 pilots joined the group, which has flown more than 1,500 flights mostly to cancer treatment centers in Bellingham and Mount Vernon. These flights are made year round on a voluntary basis without charge, with the goal to help patients deal with the burdens of treatment and improve their quality of life.

**Due to an expected large attendance, the recognition event will be held at Brickworks (150 Nichols street) on Sunday, April 22nd at 2:00 p.m**

# Boating Safety Fair & Marine Swap Meet

May 5th, 2018  
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Our 5th Annual Boating Safety Fair and Marine Swap meet is right around the corner on Saturday May 5th from 10am until 3pm. This is a great opportunity to clean the boat out and sell or trade for better wares. The Swap



Meet takes place on the street right behind the marina office. This of course means the street will be cleared. To reserve a swap meet space, contact the marina office or email the harbormaster at [tamih@portfridayharbor.org](mailto:tamih@portfridayharbor.org). You can set up a table, lay down a tarp or bring a boat on a trailer.



- Receive a FREE month's parking when you have your FREE vessel safety check! There will be USCG Auxiliary and Power Squadron members happy to assist and get you ready for the cruising season.
- The Power Squadron is providing an awesome boating simulator to try out your captain's skills. Try docking as many times as you like.
- There will be in the water kayak demonstrations and a chance to sign up with Vessel Assist.
- Dispose of expired flares, learn about pump-outs and more!

# Waves of Our Lives

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Why are people so tired on April 1st?

...because they just finished a 31-day March!

## Sale Sale Sale!

Stop by the Marina office to check out our long sleeve t-shirts, on sale now for \$15!



The Port also has two 22' sailboats that were impounded and will be sold through sealed bids on Friday June 8th. Minimum bid is \$500 and they can be viewed by appointment. Email [tamih@portfridayharbor.org](mailto:tamih@portfridayharbor.org) to

schedule an appointment, and look for more details in next months' newsletter!

## Signs of spring

The first flowers from Waldron Island have arrived and Friday Harbor Seafoods is open for business! It's a great time to beat the summer crowds, so come visit today!



## March photo contest winner!

The staff's votes were tallied and a winner was chosen. Congratulations to Deborah Jones, our March winner who sent in this amazing shot of the marina! Check out her Instagram page for lots more amazing photos. Deborah will be receiving a 2019 Port calendar and will be entered into the drawing for the grand prize at the end of the year. A winner is picked from submissions sent in each month and there's still 9 months to go in the contest! Find more info and send your submissions now via <http://www.portfridayharbor.org/photocontest/>



Photo: Deborah Jones