

# Waves of Our Lives



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## 2019 EVENTS SCHEDULE

Opening Day - May 4-5  
Rock & Roll Regatta - June 28  
Rock the Dock - July 4  
Friday Harbor Fly-In - August 24  
Jackson Beach Potluck - September 7



## San Juan Pilots Association honors pilot



The Port of Friday Harbor and the San Juan Pilots Association are pleased to recognize our 2019 aviation honoree. This joint effort features a different pilot every year. The Honor Wall at the Port of Friday Harbor Airport Terminal commemorates the history of aviation in the San Juan Islands since the early post World War II years when Roy Franklin first established scheduled air service linking San Juan Island with the mainland. The selection committee this year has chosen Arthur "Dennis" Willows, recognizing his long service to our Friday Harbor aviation community. John Geyman wrote the following about Dennis:

"Dennis was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba in 1941. His family lived about 10 miles from the airport, and he started to make regular bike trips to the airport. His lifetime interest in aviation started when a P-51 pilot slid his canopy back and waved a gloved hand at the ten-year-old kid whose face was pushed up against the chain link fence. After graduation from high school in

Winnipeg, Dennis came to the U. S. on a student visa, and went to Yale University majoring in Physics.

After graduation, he went on to earn his Ph.D. at the University of Oregon in Eugene, where he pursued research in the neurosciences. One day there a colleague and friend, Ben Walcott, was flying up to the Friday Harbor Laboratories in his Piper 160, and invited Dennis to come along. It was a low IFR day, and Dennis became acquainted with I Follow Roads IFR. That first flight sealed the deal. Dennis started flying at Friday Harbor, after a first demo ride with Roy Franklin, then lessons with Bob Nichols in the Island Sky Ferries' Cessna 140, and earned his private license in 1969.

Active flying has fit into Dennis's work and family life ever since. He joined the faculty at the University of Washington in 1969. While based in Friday Harbor, he was teaching two to three days a week in Seattle. Driving and ferries soon became impossible, so he needed  
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a float plane. A fine Cessna 172 on 2400 floats and a Franklin 220 h.p. engine joined the family as Dennis improvised a way to haul it in and out of the water at the Labs. He flew that airplane for 34 years, then put on larger Bauman amphibious floats for another 7 years until 2012.

More recently, Dennis and his family together built their own Glasair Sportsman over a 10-day period at the factory in Arlington, WA. Four high school students and their two teachers from Weyauwega, Wisconsin, who had won a national contest in aircraft design, joined the team through sponsorship of the General Aviation Manufacturing Association.

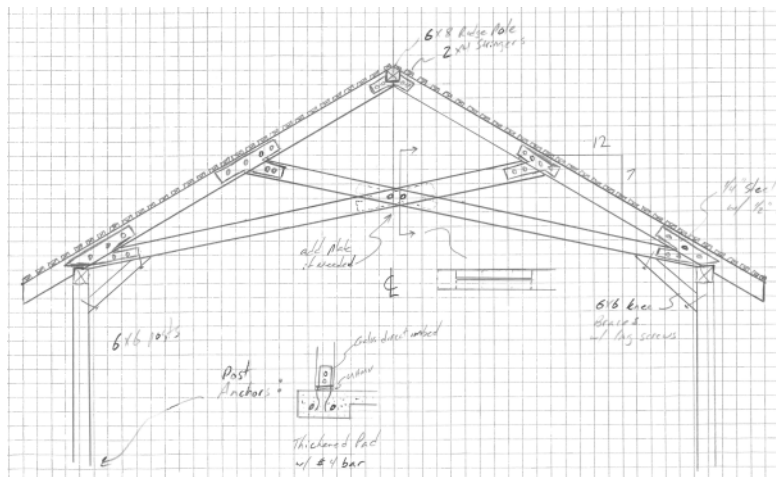
With a total flying time of some 3,500 hours (with three-quarters on floats) over the last 51 years, Dennis still flies actively, including as a member of the San Juan Eagles flying cancer patients to the mainland for radiation and/or chemotherapy treatments. He helped organize a ground school led by Mari Peterson for students at Friday Harbor High School in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) program.

As Director of the University of Washington's Friday Harbor Laboratories from 1973 to 2005, he has made many contributions to our island and aviation community. Although he is allergic to taking credit for his many contributions, he is well deserving of being honored as the 2019 Featured Pilot in the San Juan Aviation Museum."

Please join us at the Friday Harbor Airport Terminal Building on Saturday April 27th at 2:00 PM for the presentation ceremony and light refreshments. We hope to see you there!

### Jackson Beach picnic shelter

The Port is beginning design work on a new picnic shelter structure to be built at Jackson Beach. It will provide a covered area for visitors to get out of the sun or rain, and the Port plans to make the new structure a reservable venue for groups to host both private and public events. Check out this sketch of the trusses that are planned, and look for more information to come on this as Staff work through the permitting and construction phases.



### San Juan Canvas celebrates 40 years!



San Juan Canvas recently celebrated their 40th Anniversary in business. The celebration included the original owners Peter & Susan Risser along with the second owner Mary Blevins. Check out the Risser's vintage t-shirts with the original San Juan Canvas logo, very cool!



### Additional policy updates

The Port Commission has adopted updates to several additional policy documents in a recent open public hearing, wrapping up a refresh of our core policies. These included the Friday Harbor Marina Rules & Regulations, Jensen Marina Rules & Regulations, Business Moorage Policy, and the Jackson Beach Use Policy. All updated documents are now available on the Port's website.

### Boat work reminders

Staff have had to remind a couple folks recently about the Marina Rules & Regulations as well as our Required Managed Practices in regards to working on boats in the marina. Please note that all scraping, cutting, sanding, grinding, or any other work that removes material must be performed in a containable fashion. Absolutely no particles or dust may be permitted to accumulate in the water or on the docks. Please only use equipment that attaches to a properly filtered vacuum cleaner, and spread tarps out to catch any larger bits.



Additionally, cleaning of the underwater portion of your boat's hull by scraping or scrubbing while in the water is strictly prohibited in accordance with Department of Ecology regulations. Many bottom paints contain toxic materials such as copper, tin, mercury, chromium and lead that kill marine life. Please make arrangements with a local boatyard such as the Albert Jensen & Sons Shipyard here on San Juan Island to have your vessel hauled out and cleaned using a facility purpose made for removing the toxins from the wash water thereby keeping them out of our precious aquatic environment.

### **New G-dock check in station**

The crew have been hard at work tearing down the old station and building a new guest moorage check-in station at the base of G dock. The new station is larger and will include retail space for Port gear such as shirts and accessories. We plan to have some exciting new items in stock this season, and construction will be complete very soon!

### **Opening Day**

Another boating season is upon us with opening day festivities occurring the weekend of May 4-5th. The Port will host the usual activities including the swap meet on Saturday. Contact the Harbormaster to reserve your spot. The San Juan Island Yacht Club will be running the show for the boat parade on Sunday. The theme this year is "A Community Afloat, Cinco de Mayo Style." We hope to see everyone there!

### **Get ready to rock out!**

Save the date for two great back to back events at the Friday Harbor Marina! The Rock & Roll Regatta will be a two-day event on June 28th and 29th, and Rock the Dock on July 4th. There will be live music, food, drink, and activities for all ages!



**New check-in station on G dock!**

# **A Community Afloat**



## **Opening Day Boat Parade**

**Fun, Prizes & Boats to  
Kick-off the Season**

**Join us at the  
Friday Harbor  
Waterfront**

**Sunday, May 5, 2019  
2:15pm**



### **Community Open House**

Opening Day Cinco de Mayo Celebration  
at San Juan Island Yacht Club  
May 5, 5:30-8pm  
Pig Roast, Tacos & More  
Meal tickets sold at door

Come check out the island's most popular club!  
Memberships available.  
Boat ownership not required.



**All Watercraft Welcome to Join Parade**

Free boat registration at [sjiyc.com](http://sjiyc.com)

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## **February and March photo contest winners!**

Congratulations to Marty Starr and Jerah Moore, our February and March winners of the 2019 photo contest with these stunning photos of the Friday Harbor Marina! Find out more about the contest and submit your entries today via the Port's website at <https://www.portfridayharbor.org/photocontest/>



Photo: Marty Starr

## **Free mug with every new autopay sign up!**

If you're not setup for automatic payments on your statements, now is a great time to get signed up. We are giving away an awesome Port of Friday Harbor mug with each new sign up! Balances due are charged to your card on file around the 15th of each month, so you'll never have a late payment again.



Supplies are limited, so don't delay. Contact us and sign up today!



Photo: Jerah Moore

"It's remarkable how quickly a good and favorable wind can sweep away the maddening frustrations of shore living."

- Ernest K. Gann