

OAK HARBOR YACHT CLUB

NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2019



VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

Commodore – August is here and the Last Whidbey Island Race Week may (or may not) be gone. (We write these things well in advance to make publication deadlines.) It is bittersweet to have them leave for Point Roberts after so many years on Whidbey at our Club, but I know our creative Sail Fleet and Vice Commodore will come up with a worthy replacement! The Cruise Fleet should also have returned safely from the Octopus Islands by now. They will tell us all about it at our September Dinner and a Pitch, so save the date. Our Fourth of July Social event was a huge success! Thanks, Social Committee, and especially Joe, Davey and Moira. The Bucs paraded on the Fourth, delighting a huge crowd of kids of all ages, and the Kids' Fishing Derby the following weekend hosted over a hundred children. Thanks to our vigilant Pirate Patrol, we didn't lose a single one!

August is Cruisin' Time, so there will be no Board Meeting or Dinner and a Pitch, and most Committees are also taking a break to enjoy summer on the water. The Club will be open regular hours, and Wednesday Steak and Chicken and Friday Burgers will continue as usual. Fleet Captains and Committee Chairs will need to get their budget requests to Vice Commodore Mike the first week of September so he can prepare his 2020 budget for the September 17 Board Meeting. The Nominations Committee...Larry Munns, Ed Crelly and Leah Hoffer...will present a slate of candidates at that September 17 meeting, as well.

We are in the process of forming a new Marketing Committee under the leadership of Teresa Adkins. Teresa did a fantastic job as our Events Coordinator a few years back, keeping our Ballroom calendar full of paying customers. Ballroom rental income has decreased significantly since she left that position, so we are fortunate that she and Sueann Carter are willing to get us back up to speed. So, help 'em if they ask, please. We need that income to keep dues and member prices down.

Have a great August! See you in September!

Vice Commodore – Many thanks to those of you who participated in our Survey. If you have not taken it yet, there is still time. We have done a quick review of the comments and there are some great suggestions! Even some we can discuss! Please let us know how we can best serve.

Have you noticed our new and improved landscaping? It looks GREAT, many thanks to Deb Fischer, Gary Jandzinski and Rear Commodore Ken. Check it out!

August will bring us a Cruise to Lopez Island (I don't think we have been there in a while) and Hydros for Heroes on August 24-25.

Looks like summer has arrived; let's have some fun!

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Rear Commodore—Race Week is upon us – Let's get the Race Week sign-up sheets at the Club filled. The Race Week folks start putting up fencing at the Club on Monday, July 22.

SEE PP. 12-13 FOR ARTICLE ON RACE WEEK FROM NORTHWEST YACHTING.

We hired a new landscape company called Root Design (thank you, Debbie Fisher, for the recommendation) – and we were able to secure a long term contract for the same rate as the prior landscape folks. When you come to the Club check out all the new landscaping.

I am off to secure some snazzy hanging flower baskets to spiff up the downstairs Club area.

Commodore Ferd

Vice Commodore: Mike

Rear Commodore: Ken

Buccaneer Fleet NEWS

Ahoy Mates

June and July have been busy times for the Buccaneers appearing alongside the Pirate ship in several events in our community.

June

The first annual Yachts of Fun held at Fort Casey State Park which focused on fun boating and water safety activities for families.

The Grand Opening of Windjammer Park featuring the Pirate-themed Splash Park.

July

July 4 Parade where we handed out approximately 3,500 beads to many smiling faces.

July 6 our 39th Annual Kids' Fishing Derby – we had 105 kids register to fish. Prizes were awarded for top fishing and most "Pirate Like" kids, everyone received a grab bag of special goodies and we served approximately 275 grilled hot dog picnic lunches to all those fishing and their families. What a spectacular day!!!! See pictures p. 6.



With busy times of late for the Buccaneer Fleet finished, it's now time for a little rest before we gear up for the distributions of our annual Thanksgiving Baskets in November. Not to worry though, we will still be lurking about looking for mates to join our fleet for future adventures.

If you are interested in knowing more about the Buccaneer Fleet or would like to be involved in some way, please feel free to join us at our monthly meetings held the 2nd Wednesday of each month or talk to a Buc! Don't forget to like us on Facebook!!

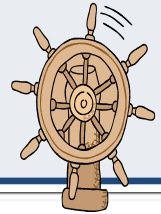
Aarrrrrrgh

All for now!!!!!! Arrrrgh!

Fleet Captain: Deb Fischer – Treasurer: Dennis Carter –

Secretary: Gary Jandzinski

Boating News



SAIL FLEET CAPTAINS

Shannon Buys & Dave Steckman

Greetings from sail fleet headquarters. Can't believe it's already nearing the end of July! The Magic Juan Series and San Juan 24 North Americans are already in the history books, the Summer Series is in full swing and Race Week is just around the corner. We must be having fun because time is definitely flying by this season!

The Magic Juan Series finished a few weeks ago. It was another series marked by great sailing conditions and close competition. The podium finishers were made up of the usual suspects. In fact, the top three finishers were the same three boats as in the previous Spring Series, just in different order. Coming out on top, we had Dean Vandament and the crew of Wind Warrior in first. Dave Steckman and the crew of Juan Solo finishing second followed by Chad Holcomb and family on the Yeah Dogg! Great work sailors!

This July the Yacht Club, spearheaded by San Juan 24 guru Dave Steckman, again hosted the San Juan 24 North American Championship. It was another awesome event with the Yacht club providing it's fantastic facilities, food, and hospitality. On the water Byron Skubi and his tireless band of volunteers provided the expertly choreographed ballet required to smoothly pull off a dozen races. The fun meter was pegged all weekend with awesome weather and tight racing. As the cream rose to the top, it was Oak Harbor's own Dave Steckman battling for top place. In the end, Seattle's Mark Bradner and the crew of Return emerged victorious, with Dave Steckman and the crew of Juan Solo having to settle for second. Another Seattle Boat ,Grauer Geist, skippered by Kenneth Johnson rounded out the podium in third.

This year's Race Week comes with a note of bittersweetness as this edition will be the last time this much-loved Regatta will be hosted here in Oak Harbor. We will treasure all the great memories that have been had over the many years. Make sure to come out and enjoy the fun and festivities that have made this event legendary. Let's see this year's event out with a roar and wish Race Week well as it moves on to its new Point Roberts venue in 2020.

Stay safe, sail fast!

-Shannon



OHYC CRUISE FLEET NEWS

Greetings from the Ilhabela



Looks like there was excitement, fun and repairs to be had on the Octopus Island tour. All good experiences and memories. Good to have our friends back home safe and sound and tall tales to regale.

Next up...

2019

August 16-18 Fisherman's Bay Lopez Is. Host needed because we may be boatless!!

September 6-8 Ganges, Canada Hosted by Colette and Ralph Gamble

October 11-13 Everett Chilly Chili Cruise Hosted by Mary and Steppe Williford

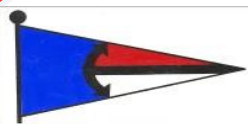
2020 Planning meeting November 8 2019 at the club after potluck

2020 Cruise Fleet Captains: Colette and Ralph Gamble. Please contact them with ideas/suggestions for next year. Where do you want to go?? ralphegamble@gmail.com or colettebarrett1@gmail.com

May 1-3 Anacortes Shakedown Cruise

May 22-25 Deer Harbor

SOCIAL EVENTS:



UPCOMING EVENTS:

JULY 23-27 RACE WEEK

AUG 3 MOVIE NIGHT

Sept 21 Annual Fundraiser

OUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

Offers of help, suggestions, questions:

Raylene Shirley chair

Teresa Adkins

Jackie Cannizzaro

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Nancy Schlagel

Liaison member: Larry Munns

Dennis Carter

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Theresa Kaiser

Beth Munns

Questions or Reservations: call 360-675-1314 or email: theyachtclub@comcast.net



WITHOUT A PADDLE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

6:30 Potluck

7:00 Movie

After their friend dies, three men decide to fulfill their childhood dream by going on a camping expedition for the lost D.B. Cooper bounty, with calamitous results.

**COME FOR
RACE WEEK
FUN**

See P. 5 FOR MENU OPTIONS

To have fun and benefit the Club!



Race Week News --- Beth Munns, Race Week Chair - 2019

Breakfast Buffet: served Wednesday - Saturday. 7am to 10

Grill every night - Meal includes entree', soda, chips. 5pm until 7pm

Hamburger Meal. \$7.00

Cheese Burger Meal. \$8.00

Mushroom Burger Meal. \$8.00

Bratwurst Meal. \$6.00

Canned soda. \$2.00

Bag of Chips. \$1.00

Bottle Water \$1.00

SPECIAL DINNERS:

Pull Pork Meal \$14.00 on Wednesday 5:30/6pm to sell out

Canned Soda. \$2.00

Bottle Water. \$1.00

BBQ Rib dinner Meal. \$14.00 on Thursday 5:30/6 pm to sell out

Canned Soda \$2.00

Bottle Water \$1.00

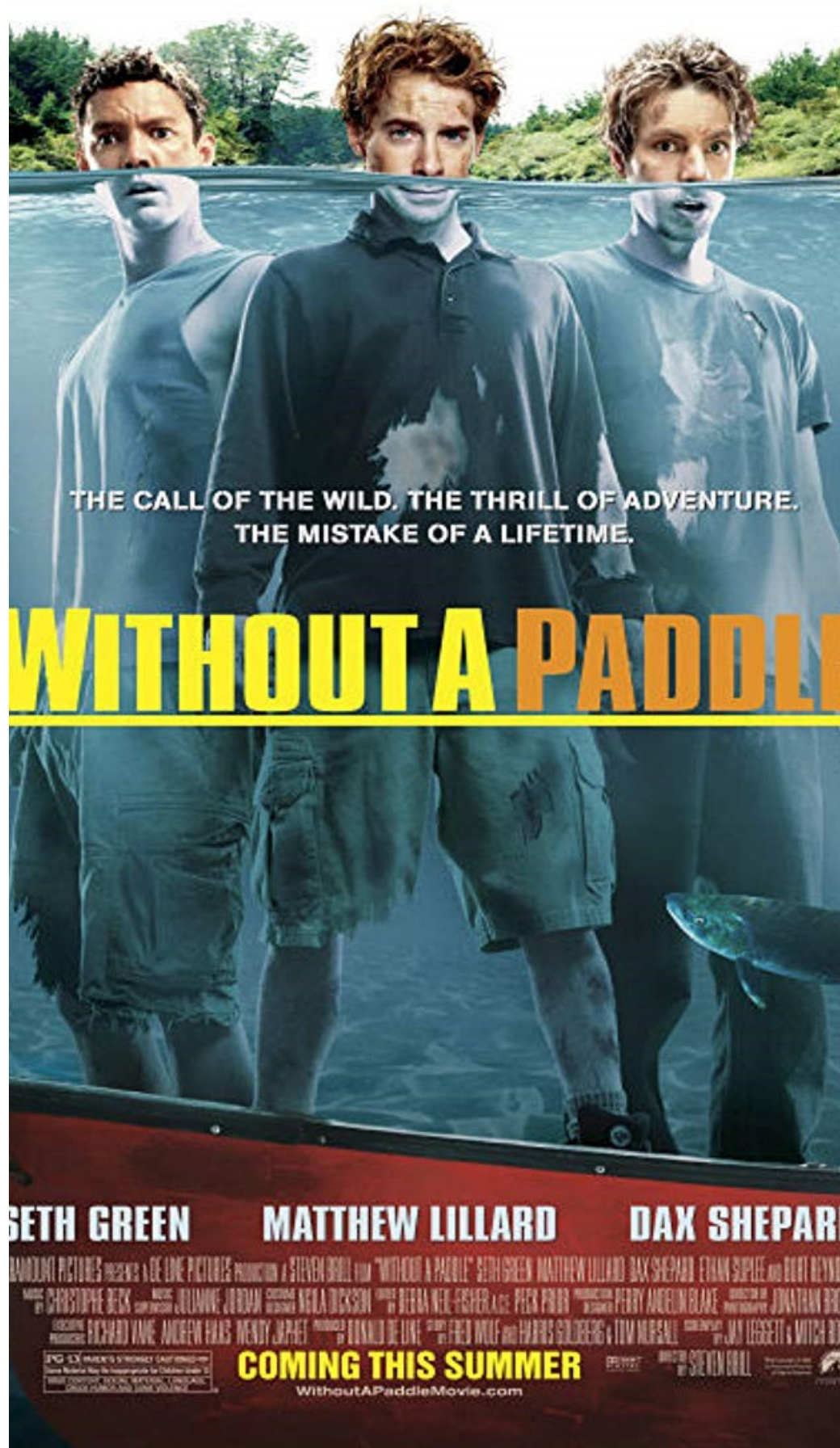
Penn Cove Mussels Meal. \$17.00 on Friday 6pm to sell out

Salad/ Bread only. \$7.00



Highlights of the
39th Annual
Kids Fishing Derby



MOVIE NIGHT AUGUST 3 — 6:30 POTLUCK—7:00 MOVIE



**NEW MATEY
SCUTTLEBUTT**



Ahoy Mate's!

Please Welcome New Members:

John Royce is also a returning member. He wants to connect with his OHYC friends. Royce currently owns a small pleasure craft but is considering a move to a larger boat. He wants to volunteer with the club. His sponsors are JR Russell and Geri Morgan

There are no prospective members this month. Keep on asking your friends and family to join the Club.

Pick up your 2019 Membership stickers at the bar if you haven't yet. (They are bright orange this year). Also, please let me know if you need membership cards, nametags, or burgees as that all are available. The new 2019 directory is also available for all members.

Matey of the Month Board

Check out the Matey of the Month sign up on the bulletin board and sign up for a month. Matey of the Month is a chance to showcase your family, boat, and experiences out on land and sea. We would love to hear from you.

ACTIVE CERTIFICATES:184

Member Chair: Nancy Schlagel

schlagelnancy@gmail.com or call or text me at 801-388-8899

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GREAT NEWS!

2019 MEMBER DIRECTORIES

AVAILABLE AT THE CLUB!

HAVE YOU PICKED UP YOUR COPY???



SAVE the DATE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

OHYC Annual Fundraiser

Our annual Treasure Night Extravaganza Fundraising event
will be held on

Saturday September 21st.

Tickets will be available beginning August 1st, for \$40.00/pp thru September 13th.

Come enjoy a **surf & turf meal**, **extravagant desert auction**, **fabulous items for bidding** and
the **great fun of the unexpected blind bag bidding**.

You will not want to miss this fabulous event which benefits the OHYC and the Buccaneer
Fleet.

More details will be posted at the Club and forwarded via email.

Fundraising Team

Deb Fischer, Carole Rowe, Therese Kingsbury

Theresa Adkins, Leah Hofer, Cindi Stoll

Nominations for OHYC Nominations for OHYC 2020 Board -

During the fall of every year, the Club identifies, nominates and elects members who are willing to serve to support the business functions our Club. That process is beginning now. Over the next month or so, with the help of Nominations Committee members Larry Munns, Leah Hofer and Ed Crelly, we will seek individuals to fill the following Board Positions:

- Rear Commodore, a position that fleets up thru Vice to Commodore.
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Board Member, two or three positions, term of three years.

Anyone who has the desire to serve to maintain the vitality of our Club, please contact us. If we contact you, please listen with an open mind. Thank you.

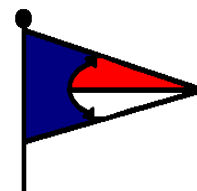
Larry Munns
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2020 Board -

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21 Buccaneer & OHYC fundraiser
25 Dinner and a Pitch



Don't forget
To check out
Reciprocal Moorage
Questions: call Jack Kemp



Texas Hold-em at the OHYC

First and third Wednesdays at 7PM. It is a \$20 buy in for members only with the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at the club. We have a good group that play, but it is not exclusive and

any member may participate.

Contact Brian Hofer for details ~
850-490-5694



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HOSPITALITY AND CARE

Please notify me or the Club if you know of a Club Member who may need help or support due to injury, illness, or death in the family.

You may also contact a Bridge member or manager Joe Catanio

Hospitality: Sara House
sarahf@whidbey.net
360-672-4457





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
CLUB CLOSED SUNDAY—TUESDAY OPEN WEDNESDAY,—FRIDAY, 4-10 pm SATURDAY 4-7 pm CLUB CLOSING EARLY IF NO ONE THERE HOURS MAY VARY FOR SPECIAL EVENTS				1 Sail Fleet races	2 Burger Night	3 Movie Night "Without A Paddle"
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A look at the evolution of Race Week from Whidbey Island to the Point Roberts

By Schelleen Rathkopf

In 1983, a lot of good things happened. Microsoft released Word, the Motorola Company unveiled the first mobile phone, and over 125 million of us watched the final episode of *M*A*S*H*. It was also the year when *Yachting* magazine's publisher and editor-in-chief, Edward D. Muhlfeld, cooked up a plan to add Whidbey Island to his consortium of Race Week events.

For many years, New York-based *Yachting* held the reigns as the nation's premier Race Week events organizer. With Audi in tow as a title sponsor linked to *Yachting*'s display advertising bottom line, an expansive concept of Race Weeks was developed. Included in the mix of locations were Key West, Catalina, San Diego, Block Island, Solomon Island, and Whidbey Island. As a *Yachting* Race Week enterprise, the publication was able to tie in national sponsors eager to spend marketing dollars such as

IBM, Remy-Cointreau (Mount Gay Rum), and of course, Audi.

But in 1994, *Yachting*'s advertising dollars went from a torrent to a trickle and the magazine ended its *Yachting* Race Weeks program. It was presumed that without national sponsors, the regattas would go away (and some eventually did). But Whidbey Island Race Week continued, due in large part to Oak Harbor businessman, Stan Stanley.

Stanley's history with Whidbey Island Race Week went back to Day One. He, alongside Washington's Governor John Spellman, Oak Harbor's Mayor Alvin Koetje, and event co-chair Paul Thorlakson, originally worked with *Yachting* to bring Race Week to town. Endorsed by the Pacific International Yachting Association, conducted by Seattle Yacht Club, and co-hosted by Oak Harbor Yacht Club and the

North Whidbey Chamber of Commerce, the coalition helped present the debut of Whidbey Island Race Week from July 10 to 15, 1983.

Whidbey Island Race Week, as we know it, was born in the post-*Yachting* sponsorship era. Stan Stanley joined forces with marine industry giant Bob Ross (J/Boat Dealer, Sail Northwest, and Seattle Sailing Club) and carried the Race Week torch forward with Northwest Marine Productions for 14 years. In 2008, Gary Stuntz took the helm with Clear Ahead Marine Productions. Despite a tanking economy, Stuntz kept the event afloat for the next seven years. Then it was my turn as the event producer in 2015, a position I'm passionate about to this day as I also work as the advertising and marketing coordinator for *Northwest Yachting* magazine.

For nearly four decades, Race Week called Whidbey Island home. Sailors have come from all over the region to race, party, and play. It's no surprise to anyone who has attended a Race Week that the event has been called Adult Summer Camp. But this July will be the last Whidbey Island Race Week as it's moving to a new venue beginning in 2020 and will be rebranded as Point Roberts Race Week. The venue change was necessary to expand the race product and draw in competitors from both the US and Canada. With both dinghy and big boat race offerings, combined with sailors coming from Victoria, Vancouver

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Above: The Pacific Northwest's active J/105 fleet consistently delivers close competition (and provides sweet eye candy) at Whidbey Island Race Week year after year.

Left: A Melges 24 crew prepares to launch the spinnaker at the windward mark, rounding to catch the westerly fill in Penn Cove at Whidbey Island Race Week. (Photos: Jan Anderson)



Whidbey Island Race Week: Past & Present

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and Seattle, Point Roberts Race Week may soon be the largest sailboat racing event on the west coast of North America.

To get there, I've assembled a team of race officers who are rock stars in the sport. John Abel, a World Sailing International Race Officer from Victoria, B.C., will be the overall event Principle Race Officer (PRO). He will be joined by National Race Officer (NRO) Paul Evenden from Vancouver B.C. and Regional Race Officer (RRO) Charley Rathkopf from Seattle, Washington.

Individually, they are the PROs for many high-profile events including Charleston Race Week, Swiftsure International Yacht Race, VanIsle 360, Melges 24 World Championships, Hobie North Americans, Laser North Americans, Round the County (RTC), 6mR Worlds, 29er Nationals, J24 Nationals and Whidbey Island Race Week. And collectively, this team will run the races at Point Roberts Race Week.

In addition to this race management team, I've assembled an Advisory Board that includes prominent racers and US and world sailing officers. This effort, combined with the procurement of a title sponsorship from Chen Yihong of China DongXiang (owner of the Point Roberts Marina) and news that the Transpac 52s are participating (and possibly forming a one design fleet), Point Roberts Race Week is well on its way to future success.



1983's original programs.

Every sailor knows that tacking is required in this sport, and that is why it's time to say goodbye to Whidbey Island and hello to Point Roberts.

With immeasurable gratitude and respect for all who have carried the Whidbey Island Race Week torch and those who have had a hand in the development of a great racing event, thank you. Point Roberts Race Week will continue the tradition of raising the bar on what a great sailboat regatta should provide: fun!

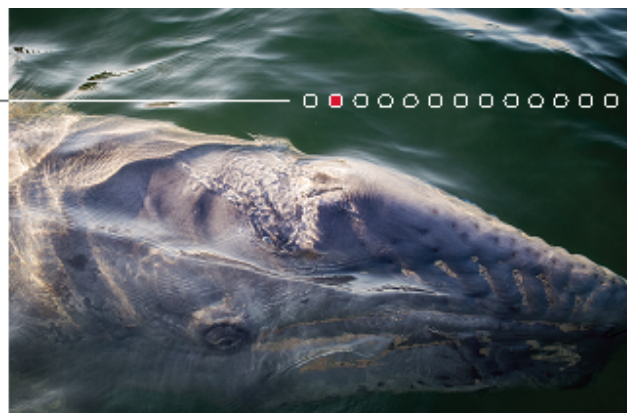


Photo: Emily O'Brien and Chase Ryan Tippett

Environment

Record Number of Beached Grays

By Evin Moore

This year has seen a record number of gray whales washing up on beaches all along the west Coast of North America, with about 75 as of early June, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Every year, gray whales move from Alaska to Mexico and back. The migrating whales eat in Alaska and pack on blubber before leaving. If the whales do not put on enough weight before leaving, they will have to look for food along the way, which is probably why they are washing up in place they do not normally visit, like Puget Sound.

In Washington, officials are asking owners of water-front property to volunteer their land to give a place for the carcasses to decompose. NOAA has

stated that so many more whales have washed up than normal that they are running out of places to put them.

It's not completely clear why there are an above average amount of beached whales this year, but it could be because the population of whales has reached its natural carrying-capacity, according to NOAA biologists. A large population combined with a bad year for amphipods, the main food source for the whales, could lead to a large die-off. Warming ocean water may also be dropping the population of amphipods, leading to less food for the whales to eat.

Coast Guard Corner

Joint Oil Spill Drills

By Evin Moore

The US Coast Guard and Canadian Coast Guard participated in joint oil spill drills this spring in the Strait of Juan de Fuca. The drills were performed to test response plans for environmental incidents that require international coordination. A harmless dye was added to the water to simulate an oil spill. Responders practiced containing the spill with vessels, boom, and skimmers. "These types of joint exercises are a great way to test our preparedness to respond, build partnerships, test bilateral communications and improve our contingency plans," said Lt. Cmdr. Patrick Marshall.

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