

# Bergy Bits & Growlers

Kenai Fjords Yacht Club

June 2013

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## **Celebrate the Solstice with us**

**By Commodore Bixler McClure**

Want an action-packed weekend? Activities start at 7 p.m. Friday, June 21 with our annual Summer Solstice BBQ meeting at Branson Pavilion in Seward. We'll discuss weekly sails; future events for the summer; updates on dock carts, etc.; and ideas for our web page.

Then, gear up your boat and come out to a TBD location (Bulldog Cove or Sunny Cove) the next morning for a Solstice Weekend raft-up!

**Saturday, June 22 AM** - depart Seward, motor/sail to Bulldog Cove/Sunny Cove, depending on conditions.

**June 22 PM** - games, music, BBQ potluck on the boats, etc.

**Sunday, June 23 PM** - Back to Seward.

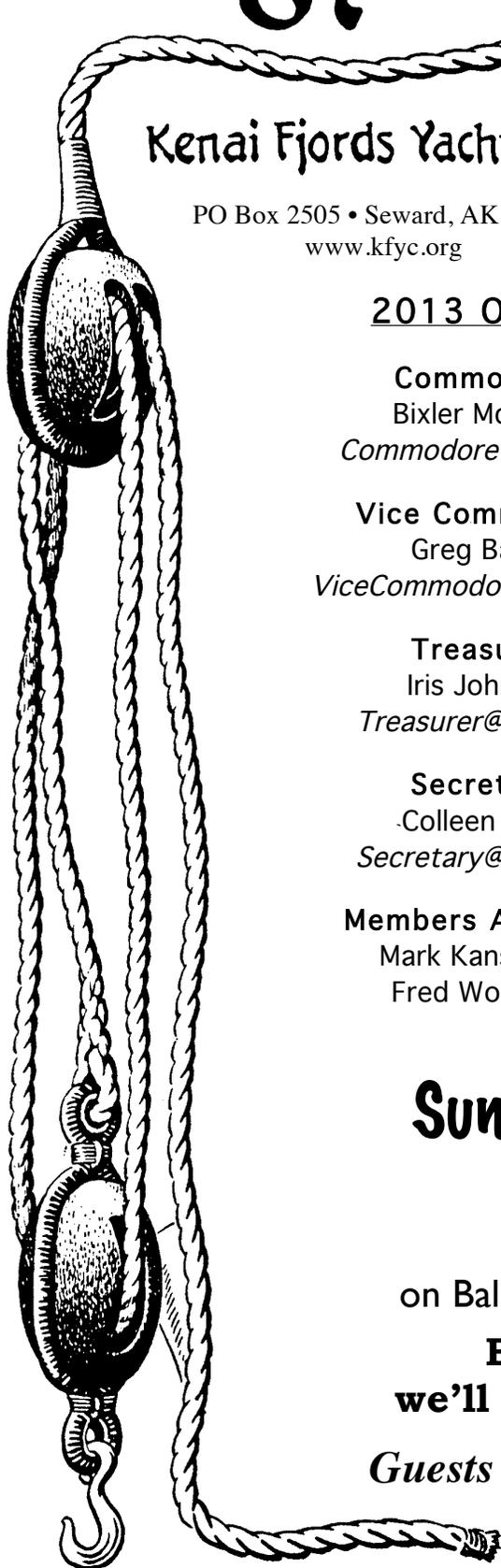
## **Summer Solstice BBQ Meeting**

*Friday, June 21, 2013*

7 p.m. potluck at Branson Pavilion on Ballaine Boulevard, followed by a short meeting.

**Bring a beverage and side dish;  
we'll provide hot dogs, the fixin's & ice!**

*Guests are always welcome at all KFYC events!*



## Commodore's Corner

By Bixler McClure

This summer we've organized a series of social races every Wednesday night. Meet outside the Harbormaster's office at 6 p.m. If you aren't interested in racing, that's fine! Just come out sailing with us!

We meet for food and drinks afterwards. There are plenty of boats that take other people along as well if you don't have a boat or you don't want to take yours out.

May 29 was the first Wednesday night sailboat race. We had five boats show up with a dock party after. It was a lot of fun, with a brand new crowd of potential KFJC members all under 50!! HA HA HA!

Contact me at ([Commodore@kfyc.org](mailto:Commodore@kfyc.org)) so we can create an e-mail list of interested parties. If the weather goes downhill or what-not, we can send out an update.

## Mariners' Memorial Update

By Nancy Erickson

May was a busy and exciting month for the Seward Mariners' Memorial Committee. Harmon Construction crews have begun work on Phase 2 – the compass rose— thanks to receipt of two grants and some fantastic community fund-raising efforts.

The Mariners' Memorial was awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Seward Community Foundation and

\$10,000 from the Kenai Mountain-Turnagain Arm Corridor Communities Association.

Shelly Shank at the Breeze Inn did a terrific job in organizing, promoting and manning a silent auction, bake sale, split-the-pot event May 18 during Seward Harbor Opening. Liz Leech recruited a few musicians to entertain the crowd, resulting in more than \$2,400 in donations. All proceeds from admission to the dance that evening at Chinook's was also directed to the Memorial project. Kenai Fjords Yacht Club again donated proceeds from their swap meet, and SMM co-founder Nina Daley once again contributed to the cause.

Pastor Ron Nitz and Rev. Richard Tero officiated at the memorial plaque dedication ceremony May 18, followed by the annual Blessing of the Fleet. Mark Chase led the group in the seafaring tune, "Fiddler's Green." A ship's bell donated by Carrie McCann was used during the dedication and rung as the names on each plaque were read.

During a recent visit to the memorial, it was noticed one of the plaques had a distinct lipstick imprint next to the name. It is for people like that anonymous kisser for whom the memorial provides a place of refuge. The Mariners' Memorial – yours and mine – is for the many people still on shore as well as those who never returned.

For information on how to purchase a memorial plaque or make a donation, go to [www.seward-marinersmemorial.org](http://www.seward-marinersmemorial.org) or call Nancy Erickson, 907-491-1639.



At left, plaques at the Seward Mariners' Memorial honor those who have lost their lives at sea or contributed to the local seafaring and maritime industry.

## Welcome New Members!

**John & Kristin Abell; Darilyn Beers & Bruce Kecskemety**, S/V Star Chaser; **Jack & Barbra Donachy**, S/V Bandon; **Jim Eymann**, S/V Encore; **Walter Heins**, S/V Golden Eagle; **Elizabeth Johnson; Diane Jarvis & Grant Kingman**, S/V Monarch in Maine (“Dennis Watt has recommended to us your club. We will be cruising and would eventually like to be at the club in person.); **Vic & Kathy Martin**, S/V Capella III; **Bruce Moroney**, S/V Morning Dove; **Jeff & Marly Perschbacher**, S/V Scooter; **Jim Rogers**, Fully Loaded; **Rick Smeriglio & Ellen O'Brien**, In-ishmaan; **Kathleen Verschueren**; and **Justin Waite**, S/V Quicksilver.

## Cruisin’ News

By **Bill Ennis and Conni Livsey**, S/V Wings  
<http://www.sailblogs.com/member/wings.p40/>

## **May 22 On the Hard in Raiatea**

Our trip is complete. We're eating potatoes purchased in Cabo San Lucas. I'm drinking the end of the tequila and Cointreau in a Margarita. We called the marina this morning as soon as they were open and were told to pull our hook and get moving. Well, OK!

...The engine is in as good shape as we can make it for the layover. The dinghy is already stowed. The dinghy motor, our SeaCow, is ready for storage. We stowed all of our extra lines today.

...For those of you who are following this, we've decided that we'll go no further west than Rarotonga and no further east than the Marquesas. We've decided to stay a few years in French Polynesia, the government allowing. We'll apply for an extended visa as soon as we're home. We'll fly back and forth, learning and speaking French, eating baguettes, and enjoying the incredibly beautiful islands of the South Pacific. We worked so hard to get here and we're going to enjoy the place for a while. Interestingly, one of the problems that we identified was our schedule! From Alaska to Raiatea, we've been on a schedule: we've had to be somewhere at a specific time. From here on, we'll

move when we feel like moving. We're both so relieved to have realized and made the decision!

...As the sun set today, we got the jib packed and into its bag, and got the main furled and stowed. Whew! If we had to leave at dawn tomorrow, we could. We have the cover to erect, lots of odds and ends to complete, but we'll make it. Tomorrow, on the last flight of the day, we leave for Papeete's airport. We'll just sleep in the airport until our Air France flight to LA. I intend to catch a buzz and keep a buzz on that lovely French wine that they just set out for passengers. We land in LA and then fly to Oakland and stay with Conni's dad for a day. I'll disassemble another engine like ours and scavenge some much-needed used parts and then we'll fly home.

...This is our last night on our girl. Wings has brought us, safely, across the Pacific Ocean. It was costly to her, but she didn't fail us. We love this boat. See you in the USA!

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Each Wednesday  
meet at 6 p.m. outside  
the Harbormaster's Office  
for Wednesday Night Sails!!

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***Join us for a Solstice Raft-Up Sat.-Sun, June 22-23***