

# The Beachcomber



HMC Newsletter

July 2010



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## President's Message

At the July regular HMC Board meeting there was a great deal of discussion on Island security. There is an article in this Beachcomber that gives details of the many good activities that took place over the Fourth of July weekend. It also gives details on a few cases of vandalism and other violations of our Island rules. We suspect that most of the cases were due to guests not controlled by the owners or renters who invited them over. This lack of respect for other Members, their property, and HMC facilities seems to occur every year and especially over holiday weekends. Some rule violations, like leaving beach fires burning unattended, can be a real danger to all of us. HMC does not have police powers but has hired security companies in the past with very limited success. Many Members present at the meeting were in favor of hiring off-duty police officers to control those who are causing problems. This is not an inexpensive undertaking but we are looking at our options since the same few families seem to be the cause of problems every year. We plan to file rule violations against some Members for the actions of their guests and recover some of the costs of repair from fines. If you have any evidence of vandalism or significant rule violations, please contact the HMC Office. It is too bad that the actions of a few cause a burden and expense for all the other Members and their families. Several Members at the meeting formed a committee to look at options and make recommendations to the Board on possible solutions to these problems.

As in the past, Members had to clean up North Beach after the festivities on the Fourth. These Members are volunteers and should not have to pick up all the garbage left by other Members and guests. A little courtesy and taking responsibility for cleaning up your own mess would lessen the burden on these volunteers. Many thanks to those who did volunteer and clean North Beach.

A preliminary report from the engineering firm we hired to look at the docks, dolphins, and pilings has indicated that the pilings holding the docks at North Beach have an estimated life of zero to two years. The dolphins at the ferry docks on the Island and mainland have an estimated life of maybe 10 years. The Parks Committee recommended that Members tying boats to the docks observe the size restrictions and recognize that larger boats tied to the docks under windy conditions could cause severe damage to the docks and pilings. The docks are intended for the temporary use by all Members and not as permanent moorage for a few. Again, courtesy and respect for other Members will insure that all Members can benefit from HMC facilities.

At the extension of the annual membership meeting, the ballots for membership approval of next year's budget and assessment were counted. The budget was approved by a count of 79 for and 60 against. The assessment and fees were raised this year more than usual; last year the assessment was held fixed even though costs did increase. The majority of the increase was due to funding the ferry shipyard expense (which we did not include in last year's budget) and for the additional cost of managing our water system (due to the resignation of our volunteer water manager). None of us likes increasing assessments but we must maintain our Island resources and not neglect reserves for future expenses. In order to distribute costs fairly to all Members, we charge fees for those who use the resources the most. This is why the ferry fees were increased so that between 30 and 40 percent of the total ferry costs are paid by fees rather than subsidy from the assessments. As we move to an upgraded water distribution system, we plan to do the same and charge usage fees to offset the burden on the assessments. If we outsource the entire water system, 100% of the water system costs would be recovered by base and usage fees instead of a flat amount from all through assessments, as currently occurs.

Fred Fath  
President

<b>Delinquency List as of July 13, 2010</b>
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**Emergency****911****Ferry Cell phone****(253) 691-1457**

*(Cell phone to be used for scheduling heavy loads, big vehicles or having something in tow, and for information regarding ferry services.)*

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**Ferry Business**

- Call ahead if you are planning to use the ferry for a trailer, boat, or large vehicle!
- Only those guests with valid passes will be allowed on the ferry.
- Plan your arrival at the dock at least 5 minutes before the scheduled time of departure.
- Walks-ons are not to be on the dock or ramp when cars are being loaded. Watch crew for permission to board.
- Only service and delivery people may charge fares.

**WE HAVE EXPERIENCED GUESTS AND SERVICE PEOPLE EXPECTING TO COME OVER TO THE ISLAND WITHOUT GUEST PASSES. THIS VIOLATES THE ACCESS POLICY THAT WAS PUT IN PLACE FOR ALL OF OUR SECURITY. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR GUEST HAS A VALID GUEST PASS SIGNED BY YOU TO ENSURE THEY ARE ABLE TO RIDE THE FERRY. BLANK GUEST PASSES ARE AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS AT THE OFFICE, BY MAIL, AND ON THE FERRY.**

Beachcomber news items must be submitted by 5:00 PM on the Wednesday after the monthly Board meeting on the second Saturday of the month. Items MUST be emailed in electronic format to [beachcomber@herronisland.org](mailto:beachcomber@herronisland.org). Include your name and phone number in case any questions arise. Paid advertisements are to be arranged with the HMC office PRIOR TO PUBLICATION.

## Island Manager Report July 10, 2010

### Administration:

**Community Building:** The new drain has been installed and the driveway is much improved. Thanks to Steve Kramer and Dick Kusander, plus Jack Wells, Mike Shettlesworth and others who assisted with the planning and installation. Total cost of this repair is \$2481, including \$1700 for parts and \$781 for labor.

### Island Security:

Both before and after the July Fourth celebration weekend, we received complaints of trespass, illegal fireworks, vandalism to the ballfield and North Beach. Most of these complaints do not involve HMC assets or responsibilities, and we urge the owners to call 9-1-1 or file a rules complaint, if a violation has occurred. If the Pierce County Sheriff does not become aware of ongoing problems caused by members or their guests, it is even less likely that we will be able to get their attention. Members and their renters need to remember to advise their guests of the island rules and attempt to protect those assets which belong to the entire community.

**July 4 Celebration:** Reports are that, with the usual number of exceptions, the Fourth was a great celebration, and the parade especially received rave reviews. Great turnout for the kids' baseball game and the adult baseball. Lots of cheering fans. Also a good turnout for the sailboat race, with six boats starting. Anita and Paul Bray capsized but were rescued by another sailboat and Greg Youmans in his family boat.

**Volunteers:** The call for volunteers has resulted in several helpers, so far. A new member has volunteered to paint one of the ferry sheds, along with a long time member. We are hopeful that other volunteers will come forward with some of these other tasks or join one of the several island committees. Please contact the office if you think you might be able to help.

Paint mainland ferry shed - OBLIGATED	Clean "Herron Island" sign on Ferry Road at top of Ferry Hill COMPLETED
Paint bus shed on mainland side	Clean gutters on Community Center
Remove moss from roofs of sheds	Install new deadbolt lock at Community Center storage cupboard COMPLETED
Replace downspouts on Community Center - COMPLETED	Pressure washing and concrete pipe repairs at North Beach Marina (see below)
Realign u-shaped pile fasteners at North Beach Dock to strengthen dock	Build window in bus shed, to provide bus and/or ferry view - OBLIGATED

### Our Volunteers this Month!

Thanks to

- Gary Peterson, Scott Sloan, Dana Gruber for their help in cutting grass along the roads.
- Dick Zottman, Ed Hovde, and John Farris for their help in keeping the water truck running;
- Anita Bray, for her constant help in making sure North Beach trash is ready for pickup, and cleaning it up herself;
- Doug Evenson, Chris Mohr, Sue Pottorff, Dallas Amidon, Rondi Amidon, Kris Mullan, Nancy Wells, Jack Wells, Steve Ohlson, Dana Gruber, Kathy Deuster, Don Greinke and Judy Greinke for help with North Beach cleanup after the Fourth.
- To all the volunteers who helped clean up after the Independence Day celebration.

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**Derelict Vehicles:** Mark Luppino, Pierce County Code Enforcement Officer, paid us a visit on Friday. He was here to validate some of the junk vehicle information forwarded to him by our members. We are continuing to work these issues, most often with cooperation from members. From his visit, we have three junk vehicle affidavits on which to act, clearing another property. In addition, we understand that most of the vehicles on the Hansen properties on West Herron should be cleared by the end of the month.

**Rodent Problems:** Meanwhile, we have offered to assist other members who are concerned about properties adjacent to or near their own, where rats have been seen. Control of rats is the responsibility of the property owners or neighbors. Removing derelict vehicles and trailers which provide shelter and nesting sites is a step in the right direction.

Mark Luppino also offered the following advice with regard to rats:

- For outdoor trapping, use bait, which allows the rat to carry the poison back to the nest and kill off the others in the nest (be sure to follow directions on use of poisons to avoid inadvertently poisoning other animals);
- For indoor trapping, use a baited trap, so that the rodents can be removed.

Rats are incontinent and once they have shared the food of some of animals, such as pet dogs, the dogs will no longer eat at the same place, but the rats will return. Moral of the story: if you are leaving food out, it's probably being eaten by rats.

Rats can carry deadly diseases or cause damage to your home by chewing. The Health Department advises: *starve them out* by removing food sources; *move them out* by keeping your house clear of junk piles; *build them out* by making sure openings to your home are secured; get rid of them by trapping, poisoning or hiring an exterminator. And remove derelict vehicles and trailers in which they can take shelter.

**Water System Replacement/Upgrade:** The Preliminary Engineering Report is very nearly complete. The Environmental Review is a little farther off, as we need the wetlands assessment, and the cultural resources survey to come together, as well as a coastal zone management form to be completed by the Department of Ecology.

The progress thus far is that NWS has gotten letters of "no effect" for the Clean Air act, NOAA fisheries, and the National Resources Conservation Service. They have drafted the environmental sections that are more or less "autonomous". It looks like the wetlands remediation will be somewhat minor, from that consultant's initial assessment (C3 Habitat Company). Kathy Deuster was kind enough to guide the consultant's tour of the island last week.

The main holdup at this moment is the wetlands report and cultural survey. We have clarified with USDA and the State that the background survey can be conducted first, and will engage Statistical Research, Inc. out of Lacey, to do that work next week. If all goes well (and reports are available relatively soon) this environmental portion should be complete this month or in early August.

Below I have listed the estimated costs so far, to be funded from the Water Reserve, prior to finalizing our application to USDA.

Northwest Water Systems: PER & ER (not to exceed contract)	\$ 14,500
C3 Habitat Company: preliminary wetlands review	500
Statistical Research, Inc.: background research	8,500
Total to Date	\$23,500

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**Water:** As the June 12 meeting, the Board approved a contract with Washington Water Service Company to provide maintenance and operations of our water system. We will hold an implementation meeting July 15, and they will begin service August 1<sup>st</sup>. As of August 1, members experiencing water problems should telephone WASHINGTON WATER SERVICE COMPANY at 253-851-4060. This is a 24 hour number. More information will be forthcoming and will be posted on the web site as soon as we have met regarding further implementation issues.

**Emergency Preparedness:** Lou Dooley of Pierce County Emergency Management sent us a notice of a required public meeting regarding a whole group of plans for west side planning participants. This meeting is a FEMA requirement and, although we have already had our meeting regarding the plan, this will provide a “belt and suspenders” to the planning process.

The meeting will be July 29, 2010 at the Key Center Library, at 6 p.m. Anyone who is interested in attending and learning more about the plans, or commenting on the plan is welcome. More information about the plans is available at [www.piercecountywa.org/mitigation](http://www.piercecountywa.org/mitigation).

**Fire Department Liaison:** The engine was out for servicing prior to the July Fourth celebration, and was returned shortly before that date.

**Land Use:** No committee report. Some members have expressed interest in the list of HMC properties for sale.

**Legal Liaison:** Currently, ten delinquencies, four of which are with the attorney’s office: Marcinko, Krebs, Kennison and Tchochiev. Delinquencies are about average for this time of year.

**Parks:** Committee Report.

**Roads:** Committee Report

**Rules:** Max Hochanadel reported that Merry Kogut, Kathy Deuster and he had been meeting and reviewing the Island Rules, and hoped to have a report back to the Board in July or August.

**Transportation:** Paul Jensen has informed us that he has accepted temporary employment as a charter captain for the period December 2010 to March 2011. With the departure of Ron Fugere, this makes it important that we find another standby captain, because we will be reduced to one standby, Rich Urfer, when Paul departs. We have a couple interested parties who already have licenses and ample experience, and will begin the process of screening and interviewing.

**Marine Facility Survey:** KPFF has progressed halfway through the Marine Structures Contract. They have delivered a memo describing the observed conditions of the timber structures at the North Beach Marina and of the 8 dolphins at the ferry terminals. Currently KPFF is investigating multiple options to address piles in need of replacement. Options that they are considering range from replacement of individual timber piles with new materials to replacement of all piles for each structure. After KPFF determines the environmental and financial impact of each, they will present the options to HMC. KPFF anticipates presenting to HMC in mid August. KPFF will then prepare a condition assessment / upgrade report which will identify repair or replacement options and the associated financial and operational impacts. The report can then be used by us to plan for repairs.

Since delivering the memo of observed conditions, KPFF has identified that composite piles are a possibility to be used to replace individual timber piles, potentially for use within the dolphins and at the North Beach

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**Marina.** Composite piles made of plastics and fiberglass are relatively new to use in Puget Sound. They are working with a composite pile manufacture to learn more about the material to determine the feasibility of use.

**Drydock Security:** We have begun researching security for the drydock period, still set for September 12. If there is a member or members who believe they might be willing and able to provide nighttime security for the drydock period, please contact the office.

**Pierce County Wharf Easement:** No news regarding "land swap".

**Technology:** No report.

**Other:**

I will be out of town from July 17-21, and will return to the office July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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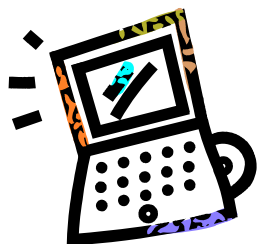


### Important Notice!

As of August 1, Herron Island water system maintenance will be done by Washington Water Service Company of Gig Harbor 253-851-4060. For repair and service issues, please call this number 24 hours a day.

**A Great Big THANK YOU  
to  
CAROLYN SNYDER**

**HMC Office Manager Extraordinaire!**



You may not know her personally, but Carolyn Snyder is a tremendous resource here on the island, and our greatest ally; she always has your best interests at heart. Carolyn is our extraordinary Office Manager who helps to run the island efficiently and with precision-point accuracy in everything she does.

Carolyn has administrative responsibility for everything that happens on the island. From paying the bills, to preparing the payroll, to ordering supplies, to maintaining membership records, to processing member billings, to handling and reconciling the collected ferry fares, to working with the various government agencies that oversee our little island, to answering the phone, to dealing one-on-one with members issues and questions, to selling ferry tickets and passes, and on and on and on.....

Carolyn continually goes beyond the requirements of her job description and helps members even during her personal time. She is extremely knowledgeable about island processes and makes you feel welcome as soon as you walk in the door of the HMC office. And you may not know this, but she's extremely prudent on your behalf too. She can even be described as a 'penny pincher' who uses coupons and recycled printer cartridges, for example, and is continually looking for ways to save the members money. Her positive attributes are just too numerous to mention in this limited space, so suffice it to say we really hit pay dirt when we got Carolyn.

Carolyn always puts customer service first. She is unfailingly pleasant to everyone and has a work ethic that just won't quit. (Seriously, have you ever seen Carolyn lose her cool?) It is people like Carolyn Snyder, whose contributions to the island are numerous (but sometimes invisible), who help to maintain the magic that is Herron Island. Please take the time to show her your appreciation. We wouldn't be the great community we are without her.

Thank you Carolyn!



**Labor Day Weekend Restrictions**

After the 12:00 – 12:30 ferry Thursday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> through Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, combinations of any length (vehicle towing anything) and single vehicles longer than 25 feet will not be transported.

Reminder: Labor Day, Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup> the ferry will operate on holiday schedule – same as Sunday.

**2010 Ferry Dry Dock**

The Charlie Wells is expected to be out of service for approximately two weeks beginning September 12th while it is in the shipyard for required routine maintenance.

**Derelict Vehicle?**

Do you have a car, truck or trailer that's no longer usable, or maybe one was dumped on your property? Let's keep Herron Island beautiful. Contact the Island Manager at [hmcmanager@herronisland.org](mailto:hmcmanager@herronisland.org) or PCResponds at 253-798-INFO. If you have title to the vehicle you can also donate it to one of the many charitable organizations that will take old cars.

**Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Meeting**

A draft plan to help Herron Islanders better cope with natural disaster impacts is nearly complete. Pierce County Emergency Management has set a public meeting on ours and others' plans for Thursday, July 29, 2010 at 6 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Key Center Library meeting room. The meeting is open to all who wish to attend. More information can be found at [www.piercecountywa.org/mitigation](http://www.piercecountywa.org/mitigation).

**Budget Ballot Results**

Approve	79
Disapprove	60



**Anybody miss the Boosters?? Want to bring them back??**

Come out for an evening of fun on Saturday, August 14th. Dallas will announce the Baseball games in the afternoon, and then at around 6 pm bring your picnic dinners, blankets, chairs, etc. to Goodpastor Park for some family fun! We'll have some surprises, a meeting about the Boosters, and then a movie under the stars at dusk. This will be a great way to get re-acquainted with your island neighbors and maybe make some amazing new friends. Learn about the Boosters and we'll explore whether or not there is enough interest to bring them back. Free popcorn will be served at the movie. For more information call Carla Vierra at 206-633-2822.

**We need your help! We have too many boats!**

The small boat storage area which extends south of the last bench along the east side of North Beach Park is overflowing. If you are not actively using your boat (for instance: if you are not using or planning to use it this summer) please move it or have someone move it to your property for storage. Thank you!

**Board Member Email Addresses**

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Please use these email addresses for all future communications to board members. They can be accessed on our website ([herronisland.org](http://herronisland.org)) under the HMC Board tab.

**GOLF CART REPAIR**

August 31, 2010

**MINIMUM OF 6 CUSTOMERS REQUIRED**

If you would like your golf cart serviced and/or repaired, Ron from FARWEST GOLF CARTS will come to the island. He will come over on the 9:00 AM ferry. Please call Ron at 253-922-0202 to schedule an appointment.

**Guest Pass Reminder**

Each guest pass must be fully completed and signed before giving it to the deckhand. Members are responsible for the conduct of their own or their renter's/roommate's etc., guests while on Herron Island.

Charges are only allowed for service providers. In order to save time and money, please include the name of the business or the type of service the person named provides on your guest pass.

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**Swim Float News! Efforts of many produce “floating” results!**

Thanks to everyone who helped to get our swim float back in service. Minor repairs and adjustments, donated anchors, lines and shackles, muscle and expertise prevailed – Thanks to Leslie Sanderson, John Farris, Paul Rohrbach, Kris Mullan, Gary & Beth Wanzong, Jack Wells, Werner Schilter and our swimmer, Mr. Kraft.

**Memorial Day Hit and Run**

Letter from Janice Burdett

While attending a garage sale on Madrona between 10-11 a.m. Saturday, May 29, my Toyota Camry was the victim of a hit and run. The rear bumper was nicked on the corner and paint scratches. It looked like someone cut too sharp and caught the edge of the bumper to the tune of \$1100.00! Rust was left behind on my bumper.

I guess when you're on the Island on a holiday the rules of the road don't count. Anyone from 5 to ? can drive anything with wheels. Where's the responsibility? The rules of the road are the same here as anywhere.

### **THE POLICE HAVE BEEN CALLED**

Following the July Fourth weekend, with reports of vandalism, trespass, noise, unauthorized fires and other problems caused by members and their guests, the Board of Directors decided to hire police protection for the Labor Day weekend, in an effort to curb these abuses. Dates and times for police coverage have not yet been determined, but there will be police presence on the island. Members, their renters and guests need to refresh their understanding of Island rules, which are posted on the [www.herronisland.org](http://www.herronisland.org) website. Thanks to all of you who make a good effort to comply and enhance the Herron Island experience.

### **2010 INDEPENDENCE DAY REGATTA RESULTS**

The race was to start at 12:00 and began with a discussion about delaying the start due to lack of wind. Everyone agreed and the race started at 12:00 anyway. By the time the fleet rounded Packard's Point on the north side, they sailed into wind and whitecaps on the entire west side of the island. It turned out to be a very interesting race.

The results:

#### **MONOHULL**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Dave Monette & Ben Josie - Finished in 59 minutes
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Larry Carreiro & Mike - Finished in 60 minutes
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place John Sanders, Paul Reichlin,  
Karl Reichlin, Ferd Reichlin - Finished in 67 minutes
- Paul and Anita Bray – Did not finish – Capsized

#### **MULTIHULL**

- 1<sup>ST</sup> Place Jeff and Brandon McNerhey Finished in 65 minutes
- Paul and Abbey Sicuro - Did not finish – Abandoned the race to assist  
Paul and Anita Bray

Chase Boat piloted and crewed by Greg Youmann and Daniel did a terrific job with rescue and tow.

**Smokey the Bear says, "Fires are not permitted in the Parks except in the fire pit at North Beach. Please remember to extinguish fire before leaving the area. Thank you!"**

## Baseball – July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010

As I sit down to write this baseball report, I'm saddened by the damage that has happened again on our baseball field. (Three times we have had major damage on the field.) I ask the question "Why". We are looking into reports of certain adults driving a black car, racing around the island late at night, when the latest damage was done.

The kids game was one of the very best played. Both teams played a great defense game. Outstanding fielding in the outfield, I'm watching some really great young players that any coach would love to have on his or her team. Herron Island baseball is a great place to watch future big league players. Thanks to Robert and Bennett for their help and assisting in the game. Final score West 13 and East 10. By the way the West scored 3 runs bottom of the 7<sup>th</sup>, a great game and both teams were "winners". The sad part, we had to play on a damaged infield which affects the way the ball acts when hitting the damage and worst of all the possibility of a player getting hurt. In spite of the damage everyone had a wonderful time.

The adult game was played with both adults and kids since there were not enough adults to field a game. George was catcher, I pitcher, and Ellis calling balls and strikes for both teams. Now that is really a senior group but we had a great time. The game had the kids out playing the adults. There was even a grand slam home run. The game was lopsided from the start with the East coming out hard and fast. The East had lost to the West for the last couple of years so they wanted the trophy and bragging rights. We all had a blast and played hard to the end. West lost by 10 runs, final score East 15 and West 5. We look forward to the challenge during the Labor Day Weekend game.

We will need a work party to repair the outfield since someone again on Saturday night drove on to the field and did considerable damage. I will let you know when it is scheduled.

I want to thank Jack Wells and Scott Rich for the work they did to repair the damage to the infield that was done the weekend before the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. Thanks for your time and doing the best job possible.

See you all on Labor Day Weekend.  
Dallas Amidon  
Baseball Chairperson

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### Saturday Afternoon Family Baseball Games

On July 31<sup>st</sup> let's get together for family baseball from 3:00 to about 5:30. Sign up will be 2:30.

The baseball field needs repair work done and top soil will be available at the field.

Another family game will be scheduled for August 14th same time as above. We will combine this with a night out on the field to discuss the renewing of the Boosters.



## 2010 JULY 4<sup>th</sup> WEEKEND ON HERRON ISLAND

We all appreciate the good spirit and fun during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. Those who follow the Herron Island Rules, as well as those of Pierce County, are to be thanked and commended, as this builds a strong, supportive, and positive community spirit that we all continue to enjoy on the island. All the volunteers that helped with the events, planning and cleanup are gratefully appreciated. If not for the volunteers, we would not have our community and its benefits.

The island Baseball games started the weekend off with a fun Youth Baseball Game at 3 PM and the Adults playing later that Saturday afternoon. Lots of fun, laughing, and good times were had by all ages coming from every end of the island to cheer on either the East or West baseball players.

Thank you to every single participant in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade; both large and small displayed their true patriotic spirit. The roadside audience were supportive and encouraging as they clapped and waved cheering the parade on. The spirit of Herron Island rang loud and clear. Bill Jones and his son "Sparky the Fire Dog" ended the parade waving their flags from their big yellow fire truck.

Six sailboats entered the sailboat race with four finishing after the Sicuro's boat and crew left the race to rescue Anita and Paul Bray and their boat that had capsized. Greg Youmann piloted the chase boat and did a wonderful job of rescue and tow.

Unfortunately, we had some major problems during this weekend on Herron Island too. These problems, created by the very few, impact a great many of us. A few of the issues:

- Tent campers overpopulated lots and chose to use unsanitary outdoor areas for their bathrooms. This is against Pierce County Ordinances and Herron Island etiquette. In addition, it was unsightly to neighbors and people out for a walk.
- The continued vandalism and destruction of the baseball field at Goodpastor Park is very distressing. It is costly and takes time to keep repairing this field. Please turn into the office any information so that the vandals can be forced to repair or pay for the damage.
- Vandals also painted their names and words on the boat ramp and big log at North Beach sometime during the fireworks displays on the night of the 4<sup>th</sup>.
- A 911 fire call was made when an owner allowed a 10 to 12 foot bonfire to burn up into trees with the wind blowing. Thanks to a proactive neighbor who took action to help control it.
- Rules were violated when members allowed fireworks to be ignited at all parts of the island on Saturday and Sunday.
- A boat was stolen during the night while it was buoyed close in to the property on the North side of the island. The owner **reported the theft to the Coast Guard and because of that; his boat was found and returned.**

Please follow all the rules for Herron Island and Pierce County and file formal complaints against those members and guests who choose to do otherwise. Without formal complaints, the Board and Rules Committee are limited in what they can do. Without people stepping forward and becoming involved, we ALL will be paying for extra police protection in the future. Owners and renters must control their guests so that our assessments do not keep going up to repair, replace, and protect our island. Please help in keeping our island safe and remain a refuge were everyone can enjoy relaxing.

## **Raccoon Waste Seriously Dangerous**

BY DEAN KAHN; The Bellingham Herald

Published: 07/13/10 7:18 am

BELLINGHAM - The next time you see a raccoon pictured with a park ranger's hat, imagine it instead with the robe and scythe of the grim reaper. Bellingham resident Jon Shaughnessy learned about the downside of raccoons soon after he found some of their potentially deadly droppings beneath his porch. "I said, 'Whoa, this is serious stuff,' " he said. "People die from it." He's right. Read on, but the story isn't pretty.

### **WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?**

Many raccoons have roundworms called Baylisascaris in their intestines. The roundworms produce millions of eggs, which are passed on in the raccoon's feces. Those hardy eggs can take hold inside people and can cause fatal brain infections.

### **WHERE IS THE PROBLEM?**

Infected raccoons have been found throughout the country. The critters often defecate in woodpiles; beneath porches; by and on trees; on decks, roofs and garages; and on flat surfaces such as logs, stumps and large rocks. When researchers inspected the backyards of 119 suburban Chicago homes, they found raccoon latrines in 61 of them. Fourteen of the latrines had roundworm eggs. Raccoon droppings, by the way, are generally dark, tubular and blunt in shape, strong-smelling, and often full of seeds and other food debris.

### **HOW DO PEOPLE BECOME SICK?**

People who ingest the eggs risk illness and death. Once inside your intestines, the eggs hatch into larvae, which can travel to the brain, liver, spinal cord and other parts of your body. Victims often are children who have put infected dirt, objects or water in their mouth.

### **WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?**

Symptoms take a week or so to appear, and vary depending on how many eggs one eats. Symptoms include nausea, tiredness, an enlarged liver, loss of coordination, reduced alertness, loss of muscle control, coma and blindness. If you think you're infected, call your doctor pronto.

### **HOW DEADLY IS IT?**

The number of documented serious cases in humans is small – maybe two dozen – with no confirmed cases in Washington. But at least five people have died, and some survivors have been left neurologically crippled.

### **HOW CAN YOU AVOID PROBLEMS?**

Make your home less tempting to raccoons. Keep a tight lid on your garbage and your sandbox. Don't leave pet food and water outside at night. Clean up seed debris by your bird feeders. Plug gaps or holes to keep raccoons out of your attic, basement or crawl space. Shaughnessy realized his raccoons were squeezing through two small gaps near some stairs. "Basically, if his skull can get through the hole, his body can get through," he said.

### **WHAT IF I FIND RACCOON FECES?**

Wearing disposable gloves and a mask, carefully put the feces in a sealed bag to be burned, buried or placed in a landfill. Then pour boiling water over the ground or other surface where you found the scat. The eggs don't like high heat. Then, as always, wash your hands well with soap and water.

**SUMMER FERRY SCHEDULE (4/1 through 9/30)**

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Saturday, July 24	10:30 am – 12:00 pm cancelled
Sunday, July 25	11:30 am – 12:00 pm cancelled
August	
Saturday, August 7	9:30 am – 11:00 am cancelled
Sunday, August 8	9:30 am – 12:00 pm cancelled
Monday, August 9	12:00 pm – 12:30 pm cancelled
Tuesday, August 10	12:00 pm – 12:30 pm cancelled

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