



# The Beachcomber



HMC Newsletter

April 2008



<http://www.herronisland.org>

## President's Message

I am writing this in advance of the April Board meeting as I will be traveling. There will likely be discussion on topics at that meeting that will not be addressed in this message. One major topic that has been consuming a lot of administration, board member, and water committee time is the issue of what to do with our water system. The board and the water committee held a joint meeting last month where a preliminary decision was made to go for a special assessment to hire a water system engineer to draft bid ready designs for installing water meters on every water hook-up and meters for the wells, for upgrading the water distribution system, and for completing the state required water system plan. The purpose of this effort was to get enough information to present several alternatives to the membership on how they want to proceed. The two significant choices were 1) to retain ownership of our water system and fund capital upgrades with a one time special assessment that could be paid up front or over a period of 5 years and 2) to give our water system to a outside company which would finance and do the upgrades recovering their costs with a one time charge to members that could be extended over 30 years and then operate the system recovering their costs in monthly base rate and usage fees. Given that with either option we could, in effect, outsource the operations and maintenance to take advantage of economies of scale inherent in using a utility sharing resources among multiple water systems, the major difference in funding is the higher up front costs with the retain ownership option and with the higher overall long term costs associated with an outside company. There are pros and cons for each choice and it was felt that we needed to get more detailed numbers in order to present each option in a fair manner so the membership could make an informed decision.

In this process, the water committee hired a water system consultant who delivered a summary report on our water system. This report was based on limited hard data and had several observations:

- The overall system is in generally good condition.
- The system likely contains leakage on both the user and distribution side.
- The system does not meet fire flow requirements unless upgraded.
- The system is adequate for delivering water to the members and does not require an urgent upgrade.
- The system must install source and user meters and promote water conservation.
- The likelihood of receiving grants to finance upgrades is very remote.

Based on the above information, the board and water committee are still trying to establish credible costs and a time frame for presentation of both options to the membership. Funding has been a real issue with costs likely to be significant enough that we want to be as accurate as possible on the impact to each member. The consultant suggested that the project could be funded in phases (like install meters first, determine real leakage, then determine distribution system upgrade requirements) as it might not require everything be done at once. The funding could then be started with the one-time special assessment large enough to build reserves to cover later portions of the project. There are questions concerning the costs of doing the project in phases and the costs of ongoing operations. The costs associated with phasing the upgrades may be higher due to construction staging, inflation, and some duplication of efforts. If we choose to retain ownership and do the entire upgrade, then we probably need to work the special assessment payments until sufficient funding for construction is available. On the other hand, the member costs associated with a third party running the water system may be less near term but are not controlled by the Island and will likely be more in the long term. As you can see, there are many facets to the options facing the Island. There has been frustration by many that this has not been resolved but in fairness to both options on how to proceed, we need to obtain as credible information as possible so all the members can make an informed decision.

Fred Fath  
President

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

**Delinquency List as of April 15, 2008**

AUTRY - BRENTSON - MARCINKO - OVERLAND  
(Estate of) - RUCKS - TITZLER - WATTERSON

**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.**

**Online Beachcomber**

If you wish to read your Beachcomber online at [www.herronisland.org](http://www.herronisland.org) and save HMC the price of printing and postage, please notify the office.

**HMC Management  
Board Meeting Summary  
April 12, 2008**

Administration

- The attorney responded to a request to further refine the Ferry Access Policy and the Tenancy Agreement so that they conform to Bylaws language and the Board's intent. The Board will look into this further at a later date.
- The Board discussed a proposal to consider using a security company at certain times. Having security at the mainland parking lot during the absence of the ferry last year was successful. It was decided not to purchase an inexpensive radar "gun" at this time, and to obtain costs for security for the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend and for the September dry dock period.
- Staff will ask the fire department for a permit for the annual island burn.

Parks

- A member has raised an issue regarding the safety of the rubber "mulch" used at the playground. From information HMC has received it is safe to use.
- The large maple tree at the south edge of the Nature Park has been cut down. There is still some wood available from it for anyone who can use it.

Legal

- The attorney has responded with answers to questions from the Board regarding some proposed Bylaws changes. This will be discussed further at a later date.
- The Board decided to advise the attorney regarding two delinquent accounts that more information is needed on one and that the other will require a security deposit.

Transportation

- E-mails recently received from Associated Petroleum indicate that while they will cooperate on presenting an alternate fueling plan to the State Department of Ecology, they will require HMC to assume all liability for spills. Information from the attorney, insurance carriers and the Dept. of Ecology will be sought before deciding how to proceed.
- The Board discussed planning for adequate reserves for future engine replacement and repairs to or replacement of dolphins and North Beach pilings. The dolphin project is likely to be very expensive, according to an engineering firm that has been asked to begin planning for the permitting process.

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**Board Candidates Needed!**

Nominations are open for two positions on the HMC Management Board of Directors starting in June and lasting two years. The nomination forms need to be received at the HMC office prior to the start of the May 10th Board meeting so that candidate names can be announced at the meeting and be included in the May Beachcomber and on the ballot for the Annual Meeting. Please consider serving on the Board. The application is included in this issue.

# Happy 50th Birthday Herron Island



1958—2008



## Some Pre-HMC Island History

*Thanks to Reed Skibeness, one of our mainland neighbors, for providing the following reminiscence.*

My family started to come over to this area in the late 1940's or early 1950's. We have owned property on the west shore of the Longbranch Peninsula, across from Herron Island, since then. If one walked south from the ferry dock on Herron Island and looked east, we are situated on the shore across the water.

At the time we first started coming over there, there was a single old large building and an occupant on the north end of the island - - sort of a caretaker for the island. The owner (or caretaker) used a World War II LST for crossing the water between the island and where the ferry now docks on the east end of its run. The LST had a large front door that dropped forward onto the beach once the LST pushed itself onto the beach.

I don't know how long he lived on the island or even if he had a family living with him. All I know is that he was there and his LST frequently crossed the channel, I assume for supplies. At the time there were no roads on the island, but there were some trails heading south from the north end of the island.

Somewhere along the line the island was put up for sale. I don't know the details, but there was a period of time that passed prior to what could be considered your (or your HMC's) purchase. My father and my uncle seriously considered purchasing the island. I guess they considered it too expensive and dropped their plans for such a venture. Boy - - did they miss the boat!

As young teenagers my siblings and I had great times on our many trips to what seemed to us an abandoned island. We did a lot of roaming around on the island and even did some geoduck digging on the southeast shores. They were very plentiful, shallow, and easy pickings - - much easier to get than what we experience these days on the Longbranch Peninsula shore.

## FREE CLASSIFIED ADS

FREE TO GOOD HOME - Neutral colored 3' x 6' hide-a-bed sofa. Please call Julie at 253-576-3021 if you are interested. May be able to deliver on island, if necessary.

*Non-commercial ads of 100 words or less will be accepted for inclusion in this section free of charge. Please email your ad to [beachcomber@herronisland.org](mailto:beachcomber@herronisland.org), Subject: Beachcomber Ad. The ad must be resubmitted for each issue in which it is to be printed.*

**BOARD CANDIDATE APPLICATION**

(Please complete and return to HMC office)

**NAME** (as you would like to have it listed on the ballot): \_\_\_\_\_

**YEARS AS A MEMBER OF HMC:** \_\_\_\_\_

**OCCUPATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PROFESSIONAL OR VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**EDUCATION OR TRAINING** (including school, military training, and professional courses)

Institution

Type of Training

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**HMC EXPERIENCE ON THE BOARD, COMMITTEES OR OTHER ACTIVITIES:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**GOALS:** *Please list goals you would have for HMC and Herron Island during your term on the Board.*

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT:** *Please do not include statements campaigning for or against other candidates.*

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*Candidate's Signature:* \_\_\_\_\_

**Herron Island Tip:** "Water is very important to wildlife. Fill a bucket with fresh water. After a few days when the alga starts to form, the deer will begin to drink it."

Sum Ago

**Deer Corner**

**SPRING/SUMMER (April – July)** When antlers start to grow again in the spring the group of deer breaks up; females go off by themselves and eventually give birth and nurse their young; males wander in friendly twosomes or small bands throughout the summer months as antlers grow. From April (or May) through June, after about a 195 – 212 day gestation period, the doe generally gives birth to one fawn at the first pregnancy and twins thereafter. In the spring it is a perfectly natural occurrence to come across a fawn that is seemingly by itself. Leave the fawn alone. Weight is gained in summer and early autumn. Fawns are weaned at the age of 60 – 75 days.

**Weight:**

160 – 180 (Mature Bucks)  
90 – 130 (Mature Does)

**Length with tail:** 6 – 7'

**Shoulder Height:** 3-4'

**Sexual Maturity:** 2 years

**Gestation Period:** 195-212 days

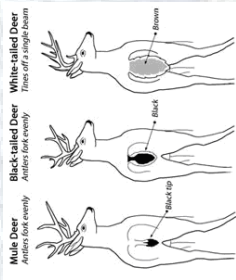
**Lifespan:** 8 – 15 years

**Typical diet:** various vegetation

**Ears:** Large ears that move constantly and independently.

**Coat/Markings:** Dark gray-brown coat with a white throat patch, rump patch and inside ears and legs with lower portions running cream to tan. Deer have long, closely packed hair shafts with coarse guard hair

(for more information on Black-Tailed Deer see past issues of the Beachcomber.)



<http://swifw.wa.gov/wildliving/deer.htm>

**Watchable Wildlife on Herron Island**

**Herron Island Tip:** "If the Northwest winters don't produce freezing temperatures, spread Ivermectin® between Pringles® to help with parasite control which will improve the deer's coats."

Sum Ago

**What to look for:**



Photo by Sum Ago

**What to look for:**



Harbor seals need quiet places to rest and raise young.

**Pennipeds Passage Way**

**Harbor Seals**

Adults are mottled tan or blue-grey with dark spots, measuring between four and seven feet long, weighing 250 – 300 pounds. To distinguish harbor seals from other pinnipeds along Puget Sound look for the harbor seal's small size, earless head and spots. In southern Puget Sound and Hood Canal, pupping ("giving birth") takes place July through September. The mother nurses the pup with rich milk for three to six weeks. The highest mortality rate for harbor seals occurs during the first few months of life; pups may be still-born, premature, or they may starve.

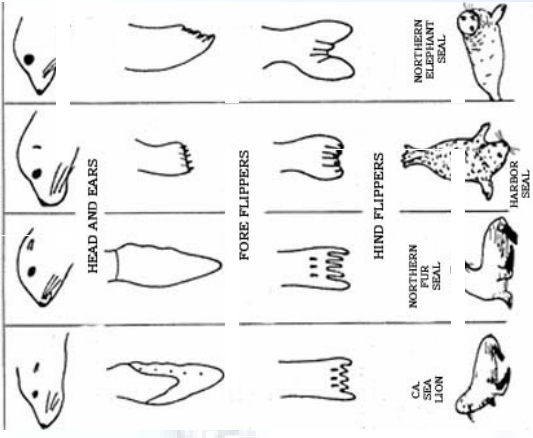
Seals like to "haul out" on protected beaches, spits, bars, rocks and log rafts to bask in the sun and sleep. At the slightest sign of danger they will slip back into the water. On land, seals wiggle and flop along. (Harbor seals do not have rotating hind foreflippers for walking like sea lions.)

**California Sea Lions**

Males can measure eight feet long and reach a weight of 1,000 pounds or more. Females can reach six feet in length and weigh up to 250 pounds. They feed on a variety of fish and shellfish, including salmon, steelhead, Pacific whiting, her- ring, mackerel, eulachon, lamprey, codfish, walleye Pollock, spiny dogfish and squid.

**Did you know?** Each year since 2004, California sea lions have consumed 3,000 to 3,500 salmon and steelhead immediately below Bonneville Dam, according to an ongoing study by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

**A GUIDE TO CALIFORNIA PINNIPEDS**



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**Did you know?** Like all marine mammals, California sea lions are managed under the Federal Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) of 1972. They are not, however, designated as a "depleted" population under the MMPA, nor are they listed for protection under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). While the MMPA was intended to protect marine mammals from human interference, the law was amended in 1994 to provide a process for states to lethally remove individual California sea lions that threaten recovery of salmon and steelhead stocks listed for protection under the ESA. This provision does not apply to Steller sea lions, which are listed as "threatened" under the ESA.

**REFERENCES:**

- <http://wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/sealions/facts.htm>
- [www.marinemammalcenter.org/](http://www.marinemammalcenter.org/)
- <https://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/pupe/sound/species/seal.html>
- [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/California\\_Sea\\_Lion](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/California_Sea_Lion)



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California sea lion below Bonneville Dam



California Sea Lions are highly social and breed around May to June. A male sea lion can only hold his territory for up to 27 days. Females do not become receptive until 21 days after the pups are born, thus the males do not set up their territories until after the females give birth. Most fights occur during this time. Soon, the fights go from violent to ritualized displays such as barking, head-shaking, stares, and bluff lunges. There can be as many as 16 females for one male. The females have a 12-month gestation period and give birth around June and August. Mothers may give birth on land or in water. The pups are born with their eyes open and can vocalize with their mothers. Pups may nurse for up to six months and grow rapidly due to the high fat content in the milk. California Sea Lions are the only mammals whose milk does not contain lactose. At about two months the pups learn to swim and hunt with their mothers.

## Annual Burn

HMC has requested a permit from the Key Peninsula Fire Department to hold our annual community burn at the North Beach in May. For the burn to take place, the following conditions *must* be met:

- Only non-commercial clean yard waste will be accepted. This would consist of brush and small-diameter branches that would not take excessive time to burn.
- No land-clearing material, such as dug-up stumps and roots, is allowed. Such material smolders excessively, pollutes the air, and would violate the terms of our permit.
- No trash or building materials of any kind are allowed. This includes lumber, clean or not. Only natural vegetation is accepted.
- No trunks or branches greater than six inches in diameter are allowed. Material must be of a size that would be consumed in a short enough time so that the fire will burn down by early evening.
- Materials may be deposited at the North Beach parking lot from Saturday, May 3rd to noon on Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup> *or until posted*. The fire department will inspect the pile on Friday afternoon, and, if the permit is granted, the burn will take place on Saturday, May 17th.
- If illegal material is found during the inspection, the permit will not be granted and all material will have to be hauled off the island at membership expense.
- Although no material may be accepted on Saturday, May 17th, volunteers are needed to man the fire.

Since the supply pile will not be monitored as material is added, we depend on members to voluntarily honor the above conditions. Any violators may cause this and future burns to be prohibited. Please help to make this burn a success for our community.

### Welcome, New Islanders!

HMC welcomes the following new members to Herron Island:

- Jesse and Nickolas Dean

### 2008 Dry Dock

Our ferry is expected to go into dry dock on Monday, September 15th after the final run on Sunday night. The vessel is expected to be out of service for two weeks.

**2008 BOOSTER PHONE BOOK  
AVAILABLE MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**

Please take a moment to check your free, voluntary listing in the 2006 Boosters Directory and the errata sheet, if you have one.

See anything that's wrong or needs to be updated? Not in the book at all and want to be? Provide the correct information here (if you've already provided an update within the last two years, you do NOT need to do this again):

**Mail to:**

Merry A. Kogut, ATT: Directory  
22415 So. Herron Blvd. KPN  
Lakebay, WA 98349-8143

Or Email: [mkogut@lawyer.com](mailto:mkogut@lawyer.com)

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: April 30, 2008**

**Attention Businesses:** The Herron Island Boosters' Phone Directory is now going to (1) include advertisements and (2) come out annually!

Cost: \$50 for a full page ad – approximately 7 ½" x 5"  
\$25 for a half page ad – approximately 3 ½ " x 5"

Deadline for submission: April 30, 2008  
The Directory is printed in black and white.

Send your correctly sized, camera-ready ad, business card, or Word document with your check made out to the Boosters to:

Merry A. Kogut  
22415 So. Herron Blvd. KPN  
Lakebay, WA. 98349-8143  
[mkogut@lawyer.com](mailto:mkogut@lawyer.com)

253.884.8484 for questions. Key Peninsula Law and Dallas Amidon have already committed to placing ads!



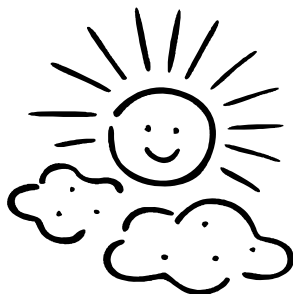
**SUMMER FERRY SCHEDULE (4/1 through 9/30)**

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Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day same as Sunday

**It's time to spring into action!  
 Help the parks committee get ready for  
 Memorial Day and Summer Fun!**

**Join us for the installation of the Small Boat Docks for the 2008 Season!**



**Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> join us at N. Beach, at 8 am to  
 install the small boat docks for the 2008 season.**

**We take care of our workers.  
 Refreshments and lunch provided for all work  
 parties.**

**We couldn't do it without you!  
 Your efforts are greatly appreciated.**

### Memorial Day Restrictions

Herron Island will be observing Memorial Day weekend Saturday, May 24th and Sunday, May 25th. Combinations of any length and single vehicles longer than 25 feet will not be transported after noon, Thursday, May 22th. Call ahead to schedule 253-691-1467. Monday, May 26th the ferry will operate on holiday schedule (same as Sunday).

### Low-Tide Ferry Cancellations

#### May 2008

Sunday, 5/4	11 leaves early, 11:30-12:00
Monday, 5/5	12:00-12:30
Tuesday, 5/6	12:00-12:30
Wednesday, 5/7	12:00-12:30
Thursday, 5/8	3:30- 4:00
Friday, 5/9	2:30-3:00, 3:30-4:00, 4:30-5:00
Saturday, 5/10	3:30-4:00, 4:30-5:00
Monday, 5/19	12:00-12:30
Tuesday, 5/20	12:00-12:30
Wednesday, 5/21	no shuttles* 12:00-12:30

*Lowest May tide: Wednesday, 5/7 at 1:47 pm: -3.8 ft*

\* no shuttles means one round trip

#### June 2008

Sunday, 6/1	9:30-11:00
Monday, 6/2	9:30-10:00, 12:00-12:30
Tuesday, 6/3	12:00-12:30
Wednesday, 6/4	12:00-12:30
Thursday, 6/5	12:00-12:30
Friday, 6/6	No shuttles* 12:00-12:30, 2:30-4:00
Saturday, 6/7	2:30-4:00
Tuesday, 6/17	12:00-12:30
Wednesday, 6/18	12:00-12:30
Thursday, 6/19	12:00-12:30
Friday, 6/20	No shuttles* 12:00-12:30, 2:30 may be late
Saturday, 6/21	2:30-3:00
Sunday, 6/29	8:30-9:00, 9:30 leaves late
Monday, 6/30	8:30-10:00

*Lowest June tide: Wednesday, 6/4 at 12:44 pm: -4.4 ft*

\* no shuttles means one round trip

<b>Low-Tide Ferry Cancellations</b>	
<b>July 2008</b>	
Tuesday, 7/1	12:00-12:30
Wednesday, 7/2	12:00-12:30
Thursday, 7/3	12:00-12:30
Friday, 7/4	11:30-3:00
Saturday, 7/5	2:30-3:00
Sunday, 7/6	2:30-3:00
Wednesday, 7/16	12:00 leaves late
Thursday, 7/17	12:00-12:30
Friday, 7/18	12:00-12:30
Sunday, 7/20	1:30-2:00
Monday, 7/28	7:30-9:00, 9:30 leaves late
Tuesday, 7/29	8:30-9:00
Wednesday, 7/30	No shuttles* 8:30-9:00, 12:00-12:30 leaves late
Thursday, 7/31	12:00-12:30
<i>Lowest July tide: Thursday, 7/3 at 12:31 pm -4.4 ft</i>	
* no shuttles means one round trip	
<b>August 2008</b>	
Friday, 8/1	12:00-12:30
Saturday, 8/2	No shuttles* 11:30-12:00, 12:00 leaves early
Tuesday, 8/26	8:30-9:00 leaves late
Wednesday, 8/27	9:00 leaves early
<i>Lowest August tide: Friday, 8/1 at 12:18 pm: -2.8ft</i>	
* no shuttles means one round trip	

RULES COMMITTEE REMINDERS		
<p>The Rules Committee reminds you that Herron Island, like any other community, has rules that members and their guests must follow.</p>		
<p>Here are a few of the biggest problems we see.</p>		
Violation	Description	Fine for First Time Offense
Speeding	The 15 mile per hour speed limit helps prevent accidents, injuries, and dust. The speed limit applies to golf carts, motorcycles, and even bicycles – not just to cars and trucks. Rushing to the ferry is <b>NOT</b> an excuse! Please take your time and enjoy our beautiful island.	\$500.00
Boats and Trailers	The 24-hour rule for the boat dock and the rule against parking boat trailers at the North Beach help ensure that everyone can share these limited resources.	\$500.00
Loose Dogs	Dogs must be on a leash and must not be permitted to run loose on HMC island roadways or common areas. Herron Island is not a dog park. Help protect children, wildlife, and other pets	\$500.00
Fires and fire-works	On a hot day with the right wind conditions, all of Herron Island could burn within only 35 minutes. Before and after July 4 in 2007, there were numerous violations of the fireworks and curfew rules.	\$500 - \$1,000
<p>The Rules Committee resolves complaints filed by members and it works on updating and improving the rules. The Committee does not function as a police force. Put another way, it acts like a quasi-judicial body, hearing and deciding on matters brought to it, but has no authority to put tickets on windshields. This year to date the Committee has received and acted upon four complaints.</p>		
<p>For more information, please contact Merry Kogut, Chair, at 253.884.8484 or mkogut@lawyer.com</p>		

**Attention all members:**

If you have a problem with your water of any kind please contact the HMC office 253-884-9350.

**Notice**

Fines imposed for Rules violations, including speeding, constitute an HMC assessment.



# Booster Memorial Day Weekend



Saturday, May 24th Goodpastor Park  
 12:00 to 12:30 pm Registration for all baseball players  
 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm Adult baseball warm-up/practice and  
 Adult baseball game  
 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm Kids baseball game  
 Hot dogs, chips, soda, bottled water for sale



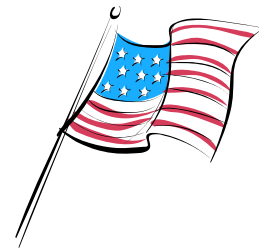
## Saturday, May 24th North Beach

2:30 pm Sailboat Race Monohull/Multihull  
 The start and finish point is the line of sight between North Beach flag pole and the outboard end of the mainland ferry dock.  
*Note: Racers please plan to return your trailers to your property during the race or make other arrangements due to recent rule changes.*



## Sunday, May 25th North Beach

9:00 am Cinnamon Rolls and coffee  
 Individual Flea Market (\$5 user fee for table or tailgate)  
 New 50th Anniversary Apparel, novelties, paperback books and HI directories for sale  
 Membership Drive \$2.50 per person  
 10:00 am Flag raising ceremony  
 10:30 am Kids "Make-n-Take" Arts & Crafts  
 11:30 am Kevin's Burgers and Brats  
 1:30 pm Kayak Race around the island  
 12'6" and under/12'7" and over (starting line due East from the flag pole.)  
 No Blind Man Dinghy Race due to low tides



Mark your calendar:

*Saturday, July 5th and Sunday, July 6th we will celebrate Independence Day with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade at 12:30 pm Sunday.*



## Community Garden

After two cancelled clean-up dates due to awful weather, we think gardening weather has arrived. Please if you are not going to use your plot this year, call Dana Gruber (253.884.6898), so she can re-assign it to others on her waiting list. Cost is a \$2.00 donation for the gate key. Name stakes have been placed on your plot. Group clean-up is too difficult to arrange, so we're all "yoyo" or "you're on your own". Remember to include the rock and walkway weeds and use the compost bin. Finally, Carol Cutler's plot will be maintained as a remembrance memorial by her friends. It is the one with the creative driftwood arch. Flower/plant donations are always welcome, and we're willing to do the planting.

Questions... want to be on the waiting list? Call Dana Gruber (253.884.6898).

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## Booster News

Happy spring to all and we hope you'll be on the island for our 2008 summer activities!

Many thanks to Nancy Wells and Kathy Deuster for finishing the stain work on the Community Center storage cabinet. Also, kudos to Mike Shettlesworth for the cabinet trim work and fine tuning the lock mechanisms.

See schedule for the Memorial Day activities. It will have a few changes from the past. (1) To celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> year, there is a new clothing design. (2) For the first time you can get a 10% clothing discount the morning of May 25<sup>th</sup> after paying your 2008 Booster membership dues (\$2.50/adult; kids free). (3) There is a kids only flea market table. Please help us out by donating "gently used toys, etc." for them to purchase for pennies. Then, come and show your children how to bargain and spend their money at this table. Please no adult purchasing. (4) There will be no one greeting you in the ferry line with drinks, raffle tickets, etc. since there are no plans for a big Booster project requiring a fund drive.

Volunteers are always welcome to help with all events. If you can contribute your time or ideas, call Dana Gruber at 253.884.6898 or Anita Bray at 253.820.8030. Likewise, if you need a flea market table (\$5.00 fee) call Dana Gruber.

The phone book will be updated and available during Memorial Day weekend and thereafter. Please consider purchasing an advertisement this month (April) for the phone book. Advertisements will offset our printing expenditures. Thanks.

Finally, a potluck is scheduled for May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM in the Community Center. Besides having a social, there will be a brief meeting to review upcoming activities.

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors  
HMC Management  
P.O. Box 119  
Lakebay, WA 98349

Dear President and Members of the Board:

We have audited the accompanying Balance Sheet of HMC Management (a Washington State Homeowners Association) as of September 30, 2007, and the related Statements of Revenues and Expenses (including the Functional Expense Schedule) and Cash Flows, and Changes in Members' Equity for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of HMC management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of HMC Management as of September 30, 2007, and the results of operations for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

HMC Management has not estimated the remaining lives and replacement costs of the common property and, therefore, has not presented this information that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America has determined is required to supplement, although not required to be a part of, the basic financial statements. (See Note C)

Michael J. Kander, CPA  
University Place, WA  
January 15, 2008



# HMC MANAGEMENT

## Balance Sheet

As of September 30, 2007 and 2006

ASSETS	FY 2007	FY 2006
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents (See Note A)		
Cash	\$ 138,653	\$96,970
Certificate of Deposit	1,132	1,072
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	139,785	98,042
Accounts Receivable from Active Members	587	665
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>140,373</b>	<b>98,707</b>
<b>Long Term Assets</b>		
Investment in Vanguard Funds (see Note B)	290,873	220,244
Delinquent Members Receivables, net (see Note D)	45,322	109,000
Note Receivable (See Note E)	18,435	19,215
<b>Total Long Term Assets</b>	<b>354,630</b>	<b>348,459</b>
<b>Plant, Property and Equipment</b>		
Land - Common Use (See Note A)	27,300	27,300
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Ferry/Docks	2,104,931	2,068,020
Water System	108,217	108,217
Small Boat Dock (Parks)	65,003	65,003
Roads	40,245	40,245
Office/Equipment	34,213	34,213
less Accumulated Depreciation	(1,203,543)	(1,121,928)
<b>Total Net Fixed Assets</b>	<b>1,149,067</b>	<b>1,193,771</b>
<b>Total Plant, Property, and Equipment</b>	<b>1,176,367</b>	<b>1,221,071</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,671,369</b>	<b>1,668,237</b>
 <b>LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY</b>		
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Short Term Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable - Trade	36,414	7,835
Prepaid Assessments	5,095	4,812
Security Deposits	6,498	4,322
<b>Total Short Term Liabilities</b>	<b>48,007</b>	<b>16,969</b>
<b>Long Term Liability</b>		
Deferred Gain (See Note E)	15,556	16,073
<b>Total Long Term Liability</b>	<b>15,556</b>	<b>16,073</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>63,563</b>	<b>33,042</b>

# HMC MANAGEMENT

## Balance Sheet

As of September 30, 2007 and 2006

	<u>FY 2007</u>	<u>FY 2006</u>
<b>MEMBERS' EQUITY</b>		
Unrestricted Balance	1,316,934	1,415,948
Board Designated (See Note B)		
Members' Savings Reserves	290,873	220,244
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS' EQUITY</b>	<u>1,607,807</u>	<u>1,636,192</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY</b>	<u>\$1,671,369</u>	<u>\$1,668,237</u>

**HMC MANAGEMENT**  
**Statement of Revenues and Expenses**  
**for the Years Ended September 30, 2007 and 2006**

	<u>FY 2007</u>	<u>FY 2006</u>
<b>REVENUES AND OTHER SUPPORT</b>		
General Assessments, net	\$456,328	\$419,416
Ferry Fees	152,057	147,796
Delinquent Accounts (Current Year)	31,112	21,319
Miscellaneous	13,043	3,798
Donation for Improvements	5,639	20,000
HMC Interest & Handling Charges	1,771	3,369
Small Boat Dock Assessment	0	38,733
<b>TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER SUPPORT</b>	<u>659,950</u>	<u>654,432</u>
<b>EXPENSES BY DEPARTMENT (See Schedule 1)</b>		
Ferry	382,729	386,043
Ferry Docks	79,064	68,353
Administration	168,404	145,199
Water	21,413	35,004
Parks	23,914	10,851
Roads	37,025	20,506
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<u>712,550</u>	<u>665,956</u>
<b>REVENUES EXCEEDING EXPENSES (LOSS)</b>	<u>(52,600)</u>	<u>(11,524)</u>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>		
Interest Earned	23,436	18,229
Gain on Installment Sale (See Note E)	780	729
<b>TOTAL OTHER INCOME</b>	<u>24,216</u>	<u>18,958</u>
<b>REVENUES EXCEEDING EXPENSES (LOSS)</b>	<u>(\$28,385)</u>	<u>\$7,434</u>

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The Accompanying Notes are an Integral Part of these Financial Statements

**HMC MANAGEMENT**  
**Statement of Functional Expenses - Schedule 1**  
**October 2006 - September 2007 with Comparative Totals for Prior Period (FY2006)**

FY 2007 EXPENSE	Ferry	Ferry Docks	Department Administration	Water	Parks	Roads	FY2007 Total	FY2006 Total
Payroll (Wages, taxes, and benefits)	\$235,551		78,434	6,893	1,164	648	322,690	\$271,753
Major Repairs and Maintenance		42,706	10,525				53,231	59,474
Repairs and Maintenance	6,300	414		3,164	8,768	36,314	54,960	56,437
Insurance	40,186		22,352				62,538	63,318
Ferry Fuel	53,432						53,432	45,607
Professional Services			32,974	2,356	3,150		38,480	30,521
Misc Service & Supplies	8,610		6,448	2,321	7,430		24,809	28,601
Taxes and DNR Lease	878		4,487				5,365	9,771
Postage, Printing, Copying			8,880				8,880	8,108
Utilities		745	2,340	2,350	890	63	6,388	4,228
Bad Debt Expense							0	6,000
<b>Total Expenses by Department before Depreciation</b>	<b>344,956</b>	<b>43,865</b>	<b>166,440</b>	<b>17,084</b>	<b>21,402</b>	<b>37,025</b>	<b>630,773</b>	<b>583,819</b>
Depreciation	37,773	35,199	1,964	4,329	2,512		81,777	82,137
<b>Total Expenses by Department after Depreciation</b>	<b>382,729</b>	<b>79,064</b>	<b>168,404</b>	<b>21,413</b>	<b>23,914</b>	<b>37,025</b>	<b>712,550</b>	<b>\$662,956</b>

**HMC MANAGEMENT**  
**Statement of Changes in Members' Equity**  
As of September 30, 2007

	Members' Savings Reserves	Unrestricted Net Assets	Total Members' Equity
<b>MEMBERS' EQUITY BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	\$220,244	1,415,948	1,636,192
<b>Excess of Revenues over Expenses (Loss) before Other Income</b>		(52,600)	(52,600)
<b>Transfers from Operating Account to Savings Reserves</b>	57,000	(57,000)	0
<b>Allocation of Other Income</b>			
- Interest Earned	13,629	9,806	23,435
- Gain on Installment Sale		780	780
<b>MEMBERS' EQUITY END OF YEAR</b>	290,873	1,316,934	\$1,607,807

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**HMC Management**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**  
October 2006 through September 2007

	FY 2007
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Net Income (Loss)	(\$28,385)
Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to net cash provided by operations: Increase(Decrease)	
Transfer to Investment Account (Reserves)	(57,000)
Interest Earned (Investment Accounts)	(13,629)
Depreciation, adjusted	82,611
Delinquent Accounts Receivable, net (SEE NOTE D)	63,678
Note Receivable	780
Accounts Receivable	78
Accounts Payable	28,579
Prepaid Assessments	283
Deposits, net	2,176
Net cash provided by Operating Activities	79,171
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Deferred Gain	(517)
Purchase of Generators	(36,911)
Net cash provided by Investing Activities	(37,428)
Net cash increase for period	41,743
Cash at beginning of period	98,042
Cash at end of period	\$ 139,785

**HMC MANAGEMENT**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**  
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2007

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**NOTE A: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Organization and Nature of Activities**

HMC Management was incorporated on May 1, 1958, in the State of Washington, as a non-profit corporation. HMC Management operates and maintains the common property (including roads, parks, and water service) on Herron Island and the associated private ferry service and wharfs. HMC Management levies annual and special assessments on 405 “assessable” units. (Assessable units are adjacent, contiguous units that are owned by one member.)

**Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and accordingly reflect all significant receivables, payables and other liabilities.

Disbursements from the operating account are generally at the discretion of the board. Disbursements from the reserve savings accounts may be generally made only for specific purposes designated by the board. (See Note B)

**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

HMC Management considers all highly liquid investments available for current use with an initial maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. The certificate of deposit is included in this asset category because it may be readily redeemed with an early withdrawal penalty. The Vanguard Money Market Funds (Reserves) are considered as long-term assets because management intends to hold these for more than one year.

**Fixed Assets**

The HMC Company capitalizes property and equipment over \$500 and depreciates fixed assets and improvements over their useful life using straight-line depreciation methodology. At acquisition, the estimated useful life of the ferry and ferry docks were 20 years and 40 years respectively. The estimated useful life of capitalized equipment is five to seven years.

**Land**

HMC Management owns 16 lots that are for common use by the organization and by members. Original acquisition costs were not available. The organization used lowest assessed values for 2001 thru 2005 to fairly value the property.

**HMC MANAGEMENT**  
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**Member Assessments**

HMC Management's members are subject to annual assessments (\$1200 per assessable unit in 2007) to provide funds for general operating expenses, future capital acquisitions, and major repairs and replacements. Accounts receivable at the balance sheet date represents fees due from active owners. HMC Management considers these accounts receivable (active members) as fully collectable and, accordingly, does not deem it necessary to establish an allowance for uncollectible accounts (active members). HMC Policy is to classify assessments older than 30 days as delinquent and to begin legal proceedings as soon as practical. See Note D for discussion of delinquent accounts.

**Income Taxes**

Homeowners' associations may be taxed either as homeowners' associations or as regular corporations. As a homeowner's association, most exempt function income, which consists primarily of member assessments, is not taxable.

**Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires HMC Management to make estimates and assumptions that may affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reported period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**NOTE B – Board Designated Savings Reserves**

These reserves are board designated and consist of investments to be held for the purpose of capital projects, major repairs and improvements (docks, ferry, roads, water), and legal and insurance reserves. These assets are held in Vanguard Money Market accounts specified for those purposes. (See Note A)

**NOTE C – Future Major Repairs and Replacements**

HMC Management's governing documents do not require the accumulation of funds to finance estimated future major repairs and replacements. However, the budget includes a portion for reserves. HMC Management has not completed a study to determine the remaining useful lives of the components of common property and future associated costs of major repairs and replacement.

To fund future projects, HMC Management maintains reserves designated by the board for specific purposes. (See Note B) Whether these funds are sufficient to finance future major repairs and replacements, either directly or through borrowing, has not been determined.



**HMC MANAGEMENT**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**  
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The Board has determined that the water distribution system may need replacing in order to comply with recent Washington State laws. Other near-term capital projects (ca. 5 years) include replacement of the dolphins and re-engine of the ferry. The cost of these projects has not been determined.

**NOTE D – Delinquent Accounts**

It is the position of the Board of Directors that the Association will ultimately prevail against the remaining homeowners whose assessments are delinquent. Nonetheless, management has provided an estimate for doubtful accounts (delinquent accounts receivable). That account is reported at a net value and includes \$6000 for uncollectable accounts in 2006, and \$4883 in 2007.

**NOTE E – Note Receivable**

The seven percent note is for the sale of Herron Island property on July 26, 2005. Terms are monthly payments of \$175 with a balloon payment of \$15,839 due on July 29, 2010.

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