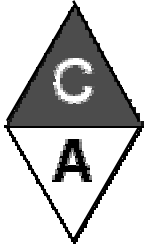


# CAPS

*The All Catalina Association of Puget Sound*

## **ANOTHER MEMBER PUBLISHED; CAPS HEARS THE ORIGINAL GARY BALL AT FEB MEETING**



- Exquisite pictures from the Inside Passage on board for February meet
- Send us your new membership fee complete with CORRECT email address

CAPS will be meeting on February 7 at the Leschi facility of Corinthian Yacht Club at 7 PM (a week early because of the impending Upland Cruise to Prosser for Wine and Chocolates on Valentine's Weekend). For its first meeting we are lucky to have our own Gary Ball show us his slides of the Inside Passage trip he made last spring and summer. If you saw the December issue of **Sailing**, you had a preview, and, of course, you read about it first right here in **CAPS Eyes** in the November issue!

This year the CAPS VIPS decided that since the attendance at the meetings has been so variable (and CAPS has been out \$\$\$\$) there will be no pizza, although you

can still BYOB, bring your own food, fill your bellies beforehand, or have a nice meal upstairs at the restaurant afterward. This way the meeting itself will start a bit earlier, and we'll get to the program sooner.

Leschi is the place to be on February 7. Let's get CAPS off to a rollicking start. Our new VP, Gordon Ellis, has been working hard on pinning down speakers for the spring; you can hear his updates. Commodore Paul McManus will have more on Catalina Days at CYC, and watch out for that sneaky Cruise Chair Mike McCann — he may stick in a February Cruise yet! **Don't miss this meeting!**

## **SAME TIME, SAME PLACE, NEW FOOD FOR BANQUET JANUARY 18; CALL OR EMAIL NANCY IMMEDIATELY IF YOU'RE COMING!**

The Annual Winter Social and Awards Banquet will be held again in Kenmore; same place but it's been bought by the same people who run the **Kirkland Roaster**, so it's now the **Lake Washington Roaster**, at the tip of the lake on that lower road by Log Boom Park off of the intersection by Jack-in-the-Box (60th NE and Bothell Way NE) down the hill and next to the Kenmore Air base. If you get lost from these directions, just imagine how bad it would be if you had the address! The party will start at 6:30 with a No-Host Bar and Hors D'oeuvres; the buffet will be open at 7:30 PM. Meat choices will be chicken or pork with lots of side dishes for only \$27.50; **call or email**

**Nancy McKenzie right now** (phone: **Home (425) 823-2849** or **Work (425) 586-7746** or you can email her at **Nancy.McKenzie@PolygonHomes.com**) if you are coming because she has to give the final count to the restaurant by **Monday, January 13**). She'll collect your money at the door (make checks to CAPS). We're sending this notice to everyone whose email address we have, too, so we won't have to depend on snail mail.

Everyone has been busy putting together the awards. Let's hope we have a proper recipient for the **Wrong Way Corrigan** and **Broken Prop** this year! We're all primed to have some fun, good food, and great fellowship. **See you there!**

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## COMMODORE'S CORNER

By Paul McManus



What do engineers do anyway? Well, it's back to the drawing boards for CAPS. Good luck, Paul!

*Paul may be one of the quietest Commodores CAPS has had in a long time — but he gets things done!*



Paul's son will attest to his superlative bathroom remodel capabilities!

Well, this should be interesting for me, usually a man of few words, to come up with a whole bunch of them every month for Commodore's Corner. Especially to follow in Steve's footsteps who has done such a great job coming up with interesting column this last year. Sally tells me that I can put technical articles in this column though. So that gives the engineer in me some ideas for future topics. If any of you has a technical article you would like to write, Sally would love to put it in the newsletter.

I am really excited by the great slate of officers we have this year. Steve was able to convince Gordon Ellis and Mike McCann to accept the positions of Vice Commodore and Cruising Chair to fill the last two key positions. Ken McKenzie will be the Measurer. Barb Jenkins will take on the whole Historian position that she shared with John Billings last year. Sally Hamel and Jim Fielder who have been officers since I have been a member of CAPS and have done such a great job will continue to hold the offices of Secretary and Safety Focal. Sally will continue to provide the newsletter that we all look forward to every month. And, of course, Steve Malan will be the Hospitality Officer. One last officer, Carol McManus, who has done a superb job (it's in my best interest to come up with the right superlatives here) will continue as Treasurer.

The new officers met in December. I apologize for not letting Jim Fielder know. He has a new E-mail address and I didn't follow up with a phone call until last week. I'll cover some of the things we discussed here. The Calendar was the main topic and we got that done, subject to CYC availability. After checking with CYC, I was able to tie down all the dates for meetings at CYC Leschi so all those dates are firm. The big question is Catalina Days. So far, all June weekends are reserved at CYC Shilshole. There is some chance that June 28th may work, but I'm still waiting to hear if something can be worked out with another group. Another

topic of discussion was pizza at the meetings. The monthly meeting participation has fluctuated so much the last two years that we usually bought too little or too much, so we decided to discontinue the pizza. We will continue to get the liquor license. Some of us plan to have something to eat at the restaurant upstairs before the meeting, but we don't plan to formalize that. Others may want to bring their own food. CATTs had asked about combining some more cruises next year, so we made the Labor Day Cruise to Poulsbo a combined CAPS/CATSS cruise. CATSS had also asked us to join them at Brownsville for Memorial Day weekend, but we decided to stay with our traditional cruise to Port Townsend since we always have had such good participation even in rough weather. We also decided we needed to make it clear on the Catalina Days application that no refunds for dinner will be made after a week before the event. Roger Jenkins and Nancy McKenzie have agreed to audit CAPS books (an item in the by-laws). We thought this was prudent since the Commodore is sleeping with the Treasurer. One other thing; our brochure will be updated and should be distributed to Catalina dealers and other places. Quite a bit of time was spent on ways to increase membership. If you have any ideas on that or on making CAPS more fun and interesting, I would love to hear them.

I want to thank Steve Malan for doing such a great job on our web site. He already has the new calendar and officers listed. Let him know about any errors or suggestions for improvement.

Carol and I were invited to a CAPS meeting by Linda Loux and George Fogg after a windy day on the hook at Poulsbo about four years ago. It's been lots of fun, and we have learned a lot from all of you. I hope I can help CAPS to continue to give you and others that join the kind of enjoyment that we have experienced these last four years.

## FEBRUARY WINE AND CHOCOLATES UPLAND CRUISE STILL HAS ROOMS FOR CAPS MEMBERS

The Upland Cruise this year is unique; it's **Wine and Chocolates** in Prosser, WA, with activities centered at the Best Western Motel over **Valentine's Day weekend in February**. Since reservations have to be made directly with the motel, if you haven't done it already, you should call them at (509) 786-7977. Rooms have been blocked for CAPS at only \$59 per night. The Wine & Chocolate Event happens Valentine's Day from 7-9 PM, with tickets at \$35 per couple (\$20 single), but if you can't make the Friday night party, come for Saturday and make the rounds of the wineries over the weekend; there are dozens and it makes for a truly romantic getaway.

Thanks again to Nancy McKenzie for finding

out about this Land Yacht Cruise. She told us about it at the November meeting, and so many people said they were interested that she blocked the rooms then and there, and we changed the date of the February meeting to February 7 so it wouldn't conflict, so be sure to mention CAPS to the people at the motel.

The other ideas for Upland Cruises haven't panned out so far — Hotel Bellewether in Bellingham is too expensive, and an alternative hasn't been decided, so stay tuned to see if something else happens during the dark and rainy months. There's still our Cruise Chair, Mike McCann, who may come up with something before the Kingston Cruise.

Bring your sweetie to Prosser for Valentine's Day. He/she'll love you for it!



A jug of wine, a loaf of bread, and thou beneath the bough... aw heck, how about some chocolates and a warm fire?

## IT'S JANUARY AGAIN – MEMBERSHIP TIME, AND WE NEED YOUR CORRECT EMAIL ADDRESS!

There are membership forms on the back of this newsletter. We need you to fill them out and send us your annual dues. If all the information is still the same, just say so, but **be sure to fill in the email section if that has changed at all**. To save a bit of money, and update you with more timely information, we are using the group email

quite often, and Carol McManus (who is much more computer literate than yours truly) gets quite frustrated when she gets a half dozen "returns".

The mailing info is on the application; dues are still \$39 per boat per year — \$29 without Main-sheet or for "Associate Members", i.e. those

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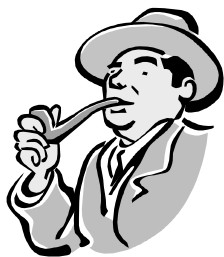
Allow us to present the new roster of officers for CAPS. These hardy folks will be leading you (astray?) in 2003!

# ENCAPSULATED CALENDAR FOR 2003



If you're writing these on your calendar, be sure to use pencil! We have a lot to add.

*Changes for this calendar will show up on the Web At [www.capsfleet1.com](http://www.capsfleet1.com)*



Put that in your pipe and smoke it!

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JANUARY</b></p> <p>Jan. 18 <b>Winter Social and Awards Banquet at Lake Washington Roaster in Kenmore -</b> 6:30 PM Happy Hour, No Host Bar, Buffet at 7:30, Awards 8:30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FEBRUARY</b></p> <p>Feb. 7 <i>Monthly Meeting CYC</i> Leschi. 7:00 PM, BYOB, 7:30 Program <b>Gary Ball's Alaska Inside Passage</b> Feb. 14-16 <b>Upland Cruise</b> to Prosser, WA. "Wine &amp; Chocolates"</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MARCH</b></p> <p>Mar. 14 <i>Monthly Meeting CYC</i> Leschi, 7:00 PM, BYOB, 7:30 Speaker Mar. 15-16 Meydenbauer Bay YC <b>Regatta</b> Mar. 19 <b>Chandlery Night</b> Fisheries Mar. 28-30 <b>Kingston Cruise</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>APRIL</b></p> <p>Apr. 5 Sloop Tavern Blakely Rock Race Apr. 12 <i>Monthly Meeting CYC</i> Leschi, 7:00 PM <b>(Saturday night)</b> Western Theme Potluck Apr. 26-28 <b>Winslow Cruise</b> at dock</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MAY</b></p> <p>May 2 <i>Monthly Meeting CYC</i> Leschi, 7:00 PM, BYOB, 7:30 Meeting Share Cruising Plans May 10 Mid-Distance Race #3 May 23-26 CAPS &amp; CATSS <b>Memorial Day Cruise to Port Townsend</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JUNE</b></p> <p>Jun. ? <i>Monthly Meeting CYC*</i> Leschi, 7:00 PM , BYOB, 7:30 Speaker Share Cruising Plans Jun. ? <b>Catalina Days*</b> CYC Shilshole Jun. ? <b>Manzanita Bay*</b> <small>* Depends on CYC -stay tuned</small></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JULY</b></p> <p>Jul. 14 <b>NO MEETING</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>HAPPY CRUISING</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>AUGUST</b></p> <p>Aug. 1-3 <b>Langley Cruise</b> (Dodge the Bayliners) Aug. 14 <i>Monthly Meeting</i> <b>Thursday evening CAPS Birthday Meeting - Potluck/ Cake - Hamel's</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SEPTEMBER</b></p> <p>Aug. 29 - Sep. 1 CAPS &amp; CATSS <b>Poulsbo Cruise</b> Sept. 6 Mid-Distance Race #4 Sept. 12 <i>Monthly Meeting CYC</i> Leschi, 7:00 PM Sept. 19-21 CAPS &amp; CATTSS <b>Catalina Rendezvous at Port Orchard</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>OCTOBER</b></p> <p>Oct. 3-5 <b>Crab Cruise at Everett Guest Dock</b> Oct. 11 <i>Monthly Meeting CYC</i> Leschi, 7:00 PM, BYOB, 7:30 Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NOVEMBER</b></p> <p>Nov. 14 <i>Monthly Meeting CYC</i> Leschi, 7:00 PM, BYOB, 7:30 Speaker, <b>Elections</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DECEMBER</b></p> <p>Dec. 6 <b>Annual Christmas Party Potluck and Gift Exchange</b> (Boat Gift and/or White Elephant) Dec. 6 Mid-Distance Race #4 Dec. 31-Jan. 1 <b>Elliott Bay New Year's Cruise</b></p>

JANUARY/FEBRUARY

## NEW YEAR'S CRUISE LACKED SOMETHING IN THE "CRUISE" DEPARTMENT — FUN THOUGH!

By Carol McManus

This annual cruise to Elliott Bay Marina to see in the New Year and watch the Space Needle fireworks may have been the first one ever (at least in my short history with CAPS) to have been hosted on a boat, but attended entirely by folks who arrived by car. We keep **Sea Sea Rider** at Elliott Bay Marina and eagerly agreed to be the host boat since we were going to be in town this year.

We worked hard to achieve an early afternoon departure. In order to navigate the I-5 corridor southbound with a minimum of obstacles to slow us down, we perused the online traffic cam charts. Vessel traffic was light and the current was with us. We rolled into our parking space on time and without mishap with the wind pushing us into our slip and brakes actually stopping us where we wanted to stop. How very different from some of our adventures! Elliott Bay Marina almost always requires one to dock in a crosswind. (Whoever designed the parking lot has a much better understanding of marina layout versus prevailing winds and should have designed the marina, too!) Once on the boat, we had time to do a little "boatkeeping" before settling down for our all-important pre-festivities naps.

Soon after 8:00 PM the party began. First to arrive were Barb and Roger Jenkins, followed soon after by Cynthia Jones and Gordon Ellis, Sue and Steve Malan, Linda

Loux and George Fogg, Luanne and John Billings, and Shari Smith and Mark Pywell. We shared potluck appetizers and played a few rowdy rounds of Catchphrase, totally ignoring most of the rules, and having a great time. Later in the evening, the jokes began. I can't remember all of them, but I can tell you they were suitable for mixed company and absolutely hilarious. You will have to ask John Billings, Gordon Ellis and Steve Malan, the main raconteurs, to repeat them for you since I never can remember jokes very well (and more than one benefited from the genuine British accent). At midnight, most of us went on deck to the pointy end of the boat while some of us hung back in the shelter of the dodger to watch the fireworks. Then it was back below to pop open the crackers (not the kind you eat, but the kind that have prizes in them) that Linda and George brought. Gradually people drifted on home with the party breaking up for good about 2:30 AM.

We spent the night (what was left of it) on the boat, had a leisurely brunch with Linda and George who stayed over, and drove home in pouring down rain, ever-so-thankful that we were in our land yacht rather than sailing home in that miserable weather.

It was a great cruise! The fireworks were spectacular, the company was entertaining and the food was scrumptious! Here's to another one just as good next New Year's Eve!

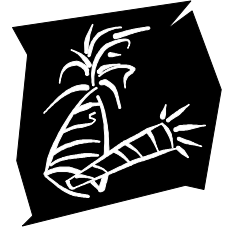
*[And some of us didn't even make it to midnight. Happy New Year anyway! Ed.]*

## WORST CHRISTMAS GIFT WEB SITE ON SAILNET

If you are looking for a good laugh or perhaps some "misery loves company" solace (like, for example, if you got a big ol' ugly used fish cleaning trough), try clicking on this link. Sailnet, a great web site for sailors that most of you probably know about, decided to have a "Worst Christmas Gift" contest and this link gets you to the entries, some of which are accompanied by photos.

The link is <http://www.sailnet.com/worstgift/index.cfm>. Just scroll down to the bottom of the page where it says 'view entries'. You can also enter your own worst gift, if you feel so inclined.

*[Courtesy of the ever inimitable and irreverent Carol McManus. Ed.]*



Where's the party? This time it was on **Sea Sea Rider** — ever maintaining its reputation as a good place for CAPS folk to "get down".

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*Way  
to Roll  
in the New Year  
and roll out the old!  
It never hurts to  
have a few  
jokes up  
your sleeve, too.*



You may find a gift on these pages that belongs in here.

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Please fill out this form completely. The data generated will be used to fill the database and to provide you with a roster (in May), newsletter (almost monthly), and Mainsheet (quarterly). Dues for 2003 are \$39/boat/family for voting members and \$29/family for those who do not own Catalina sailboats or owners who receive Mainsheet from another source.

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Name(s) of any local yacht club(s) you are currently a member of :			
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