

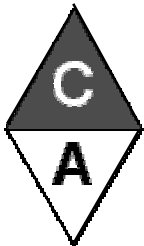
MARCH

2004

CAPS

The All Catalina Association of Puget Sound

FIELDER'S BACK WITH A VENGEANCE; SAFETY SUBJECT OF ENTIRE MARCH MEET



- **Spend your boat bucks in March at Fisheries**
- **Stock your wine cellar for Kingston**
- **Pay your dues now or be left behind**
- **Sailing with Bob is ongoing saga**

Because of a conflicting work schedule, Jim Fielder, CAPS' Safety Focal, has not been around much for a while; however, he's going to make up for it by spending time going over a lot of the issues that make our life on boats healthier. Included in his **Safety Blitz** at the March meeting will be information on creating First Aid Kits that will knock the socks off of any you can buy at your local chandlery. Dick Eagle says he put together his kit three years ago and it lives in a canvas bag; it's at home for earthquake preparedness, goes on the boat for cruising, and in the car for camping.

The March meeting will be held on Friday, March 12, at 7 PM at the Leschi Facility of

Corinthian Yacht Club. Normally we say this is under the *Leschi Lakeside Café*, but that is closed now and hopefully the *Bluewater Bistro* will have opened in its place by that time. Those who are up to it may test it out for a late supper after the meeting. **Come join us in March.**

Speaking of meeting venues, it's not too early to start looking for a new one; CYC has told us that they will be giving up that facility this year — we don't know when — and 1) they won't let us meet in the Shilshole Clubhouse for free and 2) our one member who also belongs to CYC may be giving up his membership so there isn't a reason for them to let us meet anyway. Put on your thinking caps!

RED WINE AND CHOCOLATE BENEFIT GOOD EXCUSE FOR ANOTHER UPLAND CRUISE

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Although not as big as last year, the dozen or so members who showed up in Prosser for the **Upland Cruise on Valentine's Weekend** had a lovely weekend anyway. This year the headquarters were the brand new *Inn at Horse Heaven*, although Sammy and owners Peg and Dick Eagle were forced to stay at the *Best Western* (same parking lot). Barb and Roger Jenkins, Betty and John Segerstrom, Lynda and Mike McCann, Cynthia Jones and Gordon Ellis, Shari Smith and Mark Pywell, and Sally and John Hamel braved the pass (just a dusting of snow) to make it over for the festivities Friday night. The benefit was for the Yakima Valley Hospice, the wine was delightful, and the chocolate was truly decadent. There was even a great band playing dance numbers from

the forties, but nobody had the guts to dance. Yours truly is requesting a designated dance partner for next year because after plenty of tasting she was ready!

Before the benefit we all ate at *Mustang Ranch* — close and filled the belly. Saturday, Mike and Lynda led a parade to several of the wineries where several cases threatened to force Sammy out of her car, and who knows where McCanns stashed all theirs! Gordon and Cynthia went home to take care of their cats while the rest sat down to a real evening feast at the *Blue Goose*.

Some continued tasting Sunday, but at last report all arrived home safely! We'll reap the cruise benefits all summer.

COMMODORE'S CORNER

By Gordon Ellis



*Last year when spying on Blythe Spirit's haulout yours truly learned that the whole crew is a bunch of limeys. No wonder Gordon wants a tricorn hat!

We miss reporting on the C30 feasts! Glad the tradition is still carried on in other places. Of course we also have the old Murphy Trophy!

We have got off to a great start for the year 2004. First was the February meeting with author Miguel Scherer getting us all wound up for sailing adventures. Then there was the well-attended Upland Cruise to Prosser where everyone enjoyed sampling wine and chocolates.

Looking at the calendar I see we have the first racing event at the Meydenbauer Bay Yacht Club on Lake Washington. This event has been lots of fun in the past with participation of all the Catalina Fleets before we were combined as CAPS. When I first joined the C30 group at the time of purchasing **Blythe Spirit** the nucleus of the sailing fleet left the group and joined the Meydenbauer YC which at the time was mostly run by Power Squadron people. With the infusion of these sailboat people and support of the power boat enthusiasts the club started the race event about the time of Saint Patrick's Day each year. As one of the mainstays of the group was Mike O'Gillvey we can understand why the event was planned at this time. So by supporting this event you are continuing a tradition started by former Catalina sailboat owners.

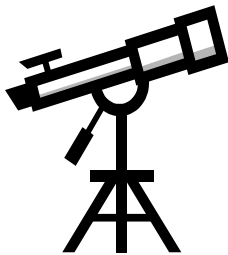
Blythe Spirit's crew* is busy getting things ready for spring and the warmer days ahead. Maintenance items are being attended to, as

we had both the main engine and the dinghy engine problems to take care of. The Universal M18 engine we have installed had developed a fresh water leak on the front side of the head, and was leaking antifreeze over the engine and into the bilge. We started to dismantle the front end of the engine only to find we could not get to the plate bolts holding the leaking gasket. We then enlisted the help of Mark from Auxiliary Engine Service, who dismantled the remaining thermostat housing and replaced the gasket. We then reassembled our parts and then cleaned and re-painted rusted parts of the engine. The dinghy motor turned out to have multiple problems as the symptoms were both difficulty starting and not starting once warm. The problems were old gasoline (not getting a new tank at the start of the year), fuel filter (replaced), spark plugs (wrong temperature ones installed), and the water pump (new one purchased — still needs to be installed with the help of the Shop Manual).

Next step will be a haul-out and then **Blythe Spirit** will be ready for a new season.

See you all at the next meeting. Cheerio for now!

CAPS SPECIAL DISCOUNTS DURING BUSINESS HOURS MARCH 24 AT FISHERIES SUPPLY



Remember when you actually had to look at the stars to know where you were? Now you can buy a chart that puts it on a screen and you never have to go outdoors!

The economy strikes again! Fisheries Supply is happy to give CAPS members a chance to save some money on all sorts of nautical goodies, but they can't afford to pay their staff overtime to stay late. The good news is that **all day 9-6 on Wednesday March 24** is CAPS Day. There will be a table to help boost membership and a banner to let people know we're there.

You are encouraged to come by and pick up those things for your boat that you have been putting off because they cost too many boat

bucks! If you can't make it that day, Fisheries still gives CAPS members a pretty good price at other times, too, so don't hesitate to mention your membership any time you go in. The store is in process of expansion into the space that was formerly an art gallery, so they'll have even more items on display. Another good reason to take part!

The other good news is that now you even have time to go out to dinner afterward — or is that just wishful thinking on my part!

KINGSTON MARCH 26-28; PREPARE TO MEET OR EXCEED EXPECTATIONS FROM PAST YEARS

Mike McCann says we need a “Cruise Captain” (host boat). Get involved, and make something good happen. We have a higher bar this year due to the success of the last two Kingston cruises. As you may recall, the recycle bin at Kingston worked overtime, and who cares if the weather cooperates. Last year Ruby was on her maiden voyage. She did fine on the motor over. She loved the party and went from lap to lap in spite of her 50 pounds. As the new Auntie Beryl was exiting the marina it was blowing 20 knots, and got much better. We

were buffeted by waves caused by an adverse tide, and had an exciting time getting the reef put into the sail. She barfed four times but never tried to bail out, and she never held anything against the boat. Now the dog gets all excited when we say boat, and we know it’s all because of that Kingston Cruise!

Just head for the Kingston guest dock. It hasn’t been a problem fitting us in. Bring an hors d’oeuvre to share Saturday and look for the big burgee. And if you’re volunteering to fly it, call or email Mike McCann (see below).



Cases of this stuff was brought back from Prosser so we ought to be well prepared for cruise season!

APRIL 10 IS MAINSHEET DEADLINE; IF YOU WANT NEXT ISSUE, PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES NOW

The list of names and addresses of CAPS members who have paid the extra \$10 (\$39 instead of \$29) to receive **Mainsheet** is emailed to their office on the 10th of April, July, October and January. That means that your annual dues must be paid and recorded before April 10 so you’ll be sure to be on that list.

Even if you don’t want **Mainsheet**, or are an Associate Member (those without a Catalina at present), please send in your money now anyway. Our membership year starts in January, and although we don’t make too

much of a fuss for the first couple of months, now we start to get tough!

After the **Mainsheet** deadline, we publish the **CAPS Roster** in time for cruising season. It’s important for you to **note any changes to your email address** because we do **bulk emailings** to help you remember special occasions. Any other changes to your basic information should also be made when you renew. That’s why there’s a form on each CAPS Eyes. If there are no changes, just send it with your check to Carol McManus indicating no changes. But do it now, pretty please!

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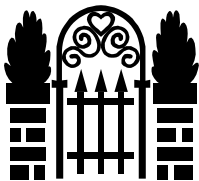
This crew is telling you which way to go? Better follow — good times ahead!

ENCAPSULATED CALENDAR FOR 2004



So it's a little different from last months' — I said it was subject to change!

Changes for this calendar will show up on the Web At www.capsfleet1.com



This calendar may open the gate to more fun than you've ever had before! Beware....

<p>SPRING IS SPRUNG, DA GRASS IS RIZ, I WUNNA WHEYA DA ROBINS IS?</p> <p>AND MORE TO THE POINT, DA WEATHAH'S WARMAH, DA WATAH'S BLUE, WE BEEN SAILIN', HOW 'BOUT YOU?</p>		<p>MARCH</p> <p>Mar. 12 <i>Monthly Meeting CYC</i> Leschi, 7 PM, BYOB, 7:30 First Aid Kits</p> <p>Mar. 20-21 Meydenbauer Bay YC Regatta</p> <p>Mar. 24 Chandlery Day 9-6 Fisheries Supply</p> <p>Mar. 26-28 Kingston Cruise</p>
<p>APRIL</p> <p>Apr. 3 Sloop Tavern Blakely Rock Race</p> <p>Apr. 10 <i>Monthly Meeting CYC</i> Leschi, 7:00 PM (Saturday night) TBA Theme Potluck</p> <p>Apr. 23-25 Winslow Cruise at dock</p>	<p>MAY</p> <p>May 1 Mid-Distance Race #3</p> <p>May 7 <i>Monthly Meeting CYC</i> Leschi, 7:00 PM, BYOB, 7:30 Speaker Share Cruising Plans</p> <p>May 28-31 CAPS & CATSS Memorial Day Cruise to Port Townsend</p>	<p>JUNE</p> <p>Jun. 4 <i>Monthly Meeting CYC*</i> Leschi, 7:00 PM , BYOB, 7:30 Speaker Share Cruising Plans</p> <p>Jun. 11-13 Manzanita Bay Anchor Out Cruise</p>
<p>JULY</p> <p>July 3 Northwest Catalina Regatta (formerly Catalina Days) CYC – Shilshole</p> <p>July 10 CYC Shilshole Jack & Jill Race NO MEETING GONE CRUISING</p>	<p>AUGUST</p> <p>Aug. 6-8 Langley Cruise (Dodge the Bayliners)</p> <p>Aug. 12 <i>Monthly Meeting</i> Thursday evening CAPS Birthday Meeting – Potluck/ Cake – Hamel's</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER</p> <p>Sep. 3–6 CAPS & CATSS Poulsbo Cruise</p> <p>Sep. 10 <i>Monthly Meeting Leschi</i> 7 PM BYOB – Speaker</p> <p>Sep. 11 Mid-Distance Race #4</p> <p>Sep. 17-19 CAPS & CATTSS Catalina Rendezvous at Port Orchard</p>
<p>OCTOBER</p> <p>Oct. 1-3 Crab Cruise at Everett Guest Dock</p> <p>Oct. 8 <i>Monthly Meeting CYC</i> Leschi, Sat. 7:00 PM, BYOB, 7:30 Meeting Speaker</p>	<p>NOVEMBER</p> <p>Nov. 12 <i>Monthly Meeting CYC</i> Leschi, 7:00 PM, BYOB, 7:30 Speaker, Elections</p> <p>HAPPY THANKSGIVING</p>	<p>DECEMBER</p> <p>Dec. 11 Annual Christmas Party Potluck and Gift Exchange (Boat Gift and/or White Elephant)</p> <p>Dec. 31-Jan. 1 Elliott Bay New Year's Cruise</p>

POULTERGEIST OR CLEVER HACKER? WHO EVEN NOTICED THE WINTER CAPS EYES FRONT PAGE?

By Sally Hill Hamel, Your Hapless Editor

What would we do without computers? Well your editor has a few bones to pick with hers in spite of what it lets her do.

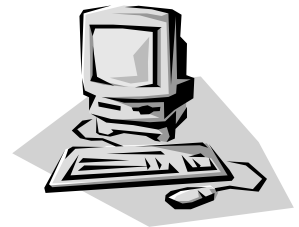
First, let me tell you how I create a newsletter. Usually, I go to the last one, change the month and date, and save it immediately as the one for that date. And that's what I did for the January/February issue. Then, in order to preserve the format and spacing, I delete all but a few words of the last article, paragraph down at the top of the article, and start the new story. This has worked just fine for five years

However, and possibly because I originally used a template, I was having a problem getting page 6 to stay put. I'd put it in, save, and it would change to something else. I did get it to work eventually, so I concentrated on filling up the rest of the pages with my usual natter. Last, John proofed it.

I had them printed at Costco, and then Joy Rogers came out to pick them up to do the mailing (may she get three extra pages in the Bible for this!). The last thing I do is email the newsletter to Dick Eagle so he can convert it to and Acrobat format and send it to Steve Malan so he can put it on the Web Page.

I did this, and got a phone call immediately from Dick. When he stopped laughing, he said to look at the front page. He meant the masthead (which, of course, John never even looked at either). Yes, it does say **PAGE Eyes**, and to the left it does say **PAGE 6 2004**. No one, not me, not John, not Joy, had even noticed it. And they were already in the mail! At least Dick could correct it before he sent it on to Steve. So there you have it. I chose another edition to write this one, and so far I don't see any trouble, yet....

Barb, you're good at finding mistakes — try this one. But let me know this time *before* the meeting so I don't have egg on my face!



Why would anyone ever want to hack into CAPS Eyes? Must be bored out of their gourd!

C25 2004 NATIONAL WILL BE IN PORT-

Gary Bruner, C25/250 National Association Vice Commodore and Fleet Captain of local Fleet 94 on the Columbia River writes to let us know that the Catalina 2004 National Championship Regatta and Rendezvous is going to be hosted by them July 15-17 in Portland. They're planning eight races over the three days, with optional cruising possibilities until July 20. They encourage all boats to attend, whether or not their skippers are serious racers, and will no doubt have NFS classes, with the emphasis on learning and FUN. They have a sign-up list designated to match up boats with experienced or helpful crew, some of whom are owners from farther away who cannot bring their own boats.

moorage for the week is FREE. They can be reached by visiting one of three websites, all of which are linked:

Catalina 25/250 National Association (click on racing): www.catalina25-250.org/index2.html or Fleet 94 in Portland: home.cast.net/~fleet94/ or the Nationals homepage, hosted by Columbia River All Catalina Association: www.c25pdx.org/

We know there are only two current CAPS members who have C25s, but we also know that several others have raced in that category in the past and might just want to enjoy a bit of nostalgia by joining in the festivities. Gary Bruner's home phone is (360) 687-2048; it looks like he's a Washingtonian like us!

The entry fees are quite modest, and

The Columbia River beckons again to Catalina diehards. Portland is a fun city to visit too.



Seen this before? It's the only clip art I have of racing sailboats!



SAILING WITH BOB (CONTINUED): MBYC FROSTBITE SERIES

By Bob Armstrong, C22 Captain *par excellence*



Bob has high hopes that the space on his mantle is empty next year.

After winning the “Murphy’s Law/Sailing with Bob” trophy at the Awards Banquet, I have become determined not to win it again. However, if I get it 3 times in a row, do I get to keep it? The trophy sure looks nice and I have a great place to show it off.

It’s a New Year and I have high hopes of doing a better job of sailing than last year. Let me tell you how some things change and some don’t.

Dave Fend let me know about a race that Meydenbauer Bay Yacht Club was having in January. I thought, “What a great way to try to begin the year.” Things started out pretty good. I spent a couple of days getting the boat ready. I took off extra cushions, the table, the slide-out galley, and all the little things I didn’t think I would need for the race. I washed the boat the evening before and threw the hose off to the side. So, at 6 AM the next morning I went over my checklist to make sure I had everything I needed. I made sure the power cord that I use to keep the boat warm was clear of the trailer. Victoria and I hopped in the truck and I very slowly pulled the boat out of the driveway, listening for any unusual noises. It’s hard to see in the dark at 6 AM in the winter, and I wanted to make sure I cleared everything. No noise, all was quiet, so we headed up the hill on our way. As we made our second turn I happened to see something dragging behind the boat. I didn’t need that 100’ of garden hose or the hose reel anyway — yeh, right!

Since for me it was very early so I thought we would stop at McDonald’s instead of cooking breakfast at that hour. So, at 6:30 AM we pulled into McDonald’s, only to find out that they don’t open until 7. Looks like I’m back to my old tricks. Victoria said we could get rolls and hot chocolate at Starbuck’s across the street. This sounded good to a sweets lover like me.

Now we are at the ramp, where I’m to meet

Larry Navratil and Skip Meisch. As I’m getting ready to step the mast, I need to use the main sheet with its blocks to help raise the mast. Whoops, no mainsheet! Then I remembered that since I had left the main on the boom, the mainsheets were no longer with the mainsail in the bag where I usually store them. Time to call my son Bob and have him bring them out. Larry Navratil helped me step the mast, and Skip Meisch tuned the rigging for me. Things are starting to look better.

Shock of shocks! We get to Groat Point and the race on time. We have three good starts and finished all three races. This is a first for me in Good Tide’ngs — that is to finish all the races I start and start in all the races. Sometimes planning does work. For the first two races my tacks were about 125°. On the last race we changed over to the Genoa and my tacks were a much more respectable 99°. Someday I will figure out why the change of sail made it better. I think it has something to do with the “Center of Force”, as opposed to the “Center of Balance”, whatever they mean. All in all it was a good day for racing. The rain held off and the wind held up.

Back at the ramp we had only a minor problem getting the boat on the trailer. I will be painting the fenders white so they can be seen in the murky water.

Only three times did Murphy get me this time. So, word of warning to all you boaters out there, Murphy is looking for someone different this year. Is it going to be you?

[It seems to me that Bob has quite an attachment to the “Murphy’s Law/Sailing with Bob” trophy. I’m sure we can help him mess up enough times so he gets to keep it another year! The real award winner should be his granddaughter Victoria who actually got up at 6 AM to go sailing with him in frigid weather. With all those high-powered C22 skippers at his beck and call, you’d think she’d get a day off. We love ya, Bob. Ed.]

*Isn’t
it amazing
that there is such
a comfortable
home now
for the
former
C30 trophy?
And that our very own
Commodore was its
last recipient in
the C30s?*



Any place that’s open at 6 AM looks good to me — just feed me breakfast!

POP CRUISE PASSED WITH FLYING COLORS

Cruise Chair Mike McCann pulled a fast one on us when he announced a "Pop Cruise" via email and at the last meeting. "Pop Quizzes" were the bane of any student's existence, but a "Pop Cruise" to Blake Island in the winter was too tempting to pass up.

Believe it or not, it was really a Catalina weekend over there. Four C36s showed up (one a former member), and a C320 and a C390 docked also, oblivious to the organization that spawned the meeting.

Dave and Peggy Fend hosted the party on **DeFender** because they had a completely curtained cockpit which made for a cozy and warm dinner. Mike and Lynda McCann were there on **Jaded**, Walter and

Meryl Conner from the C36 Fleet joined them, and John and Sally Hamel (with Ruby the Party Animal) straggled in during the afternoon on **Auntie Beryl**. They brought with them their friend Bill Sanders on his Pacific Seacraft 31 **Tamara Lee** to round out the group.

Most of the free time was spent walking around the island. The weather cooperated providing mostly sunshine so we could bask in the warmth on the dock after one of our long walks. It's quite peaceful being close enough to see the skyline of Seattle, and yet be so far from the thundering hordes. Dinner was delicious and the company couldn't be beat. We vote for more of these "tests" in the future.



Sitting on the dock in the sunshine in February — who could ask for anything more?

C36 FLEET 6 GOING TO POULSBO MARCH 20

Call it Saint Patrick's Day Weekend, although that holiday is a bit earlier, but the C36 gang have decided to gather at the Poulsbo guest dock for their first rendezvous of 2004. The C36 is a boat that is almost as venerable as the C30, and there are still a lot of them in Puget Sound. It is always interesting to compare the new with the old. Many have customized them, others have made do with the very fine basic layout.

All C36s are welcome to join with the group on Saturday, March 20 (or on Friday if you can get there that early). Bring a dish to share and a good attitude to spread around. Some of the CAPS members also belong, and others are talking of joining (cool burgee!) so look for old friends, too.

Considering the turnout at the Pop Cruise in February, is it any wonder that the C36 fleet is growing so quickly?

Spread yourselves a little thinner and check out this "reconstituted" Catalina Fleet

CAPS WILL BUY ONE MORE BANQUET PERMIT

At the last meeting only \$2 was collected in the cup passed around to pay for the "Banquet Permit" CAPS buys each month so the members can BYOB. Because we used to meet at CYC with a full bar service, many members liked the idea of being able to bring wine, beer, or "single malt" to enhance their social hour before

each meeting. It was agreed that CAPS would buy the \$10 permit, but would be reimbursed by passing the cup.

It's not working, folks! We need to discuss this at the next meeting, so we'll buy this one until a decision is made. Come with your opinions — they've never failed yet!



Ya wanna drink, ya gotta pay!

ITTY BITTY CLASSIFIEDS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

Need some work done on your boat and don't have time to do it yourself? Call Skip Meisch at 425-483-6850 or meischa3@verizon.net. "A few of the things I have done are: minor fiberglass work, bottom paint, dodger repairs, cushion upholstery, sail repair, Auto-pilot installation, installation of Skip's own lazy jacks,

line splicing, mast climbing...."

A former member is still trying to sell his 1986 C30. New items are GPS, jib furler, dinghy, running rigging, batteries and bottom paint. Recent engine overhaul. \$38,000. Dave Belenky, 206-660-8331 or email

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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.

Owner First Name	Owner Last Name		
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Street Address	City	State/Province	Zip/Postal Code
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Home Phone	Work Phone/Cell Phone		
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Boat Name	Catalina Model	Year	Hull Number
Home Port	Slip Number	Call Sign	Radio License Number
Name(s) of any local yacht club(s) you are currently a member of :			
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