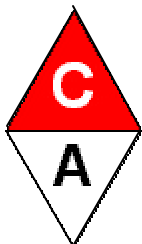


CAPS

The All Catalina Association of Puget Sound

NEW MEETING VENUE LETS US EAT AGAIN! FEBRUARY 11 MEETING IN WALLINGFORD



- Awards Banquet in downtown Seattle
- New Year's Cruise floats three boats
- New calendar touts new cruises
- Ms. Claus is fun highlight of Christmas Party
- Grandma's secret is out

Olympia Pizza at 4501 Interlake Ave. N, Seattle, (on N 45th a block east of Stoneway) will be the setting for our 2005 meetings for the foreseeable future. As you have been told, CYC has given up the facility at Leschi. The good news is that we can meet at a really good pizza joint and actually fill our faces and have beer or wine without having to buy a "banquet permit" every time!

To hold our place each month, CAPS will order two large pizzas in advance, and it was decided at the executive planning meeting January 7 at Commodore Dick Eagle's that the cost to eat would be \$5 per person; we then can order more pizza when we get there, depending on the size of the group. You order your own libation to top it all off. They'll be able to seat us however we want, depending on what our

program is. **All you have to do is show up at 7 PM on Friday, February 11.**

You will also want to pack your checkbook. The new treasurer, Nancy McKenzie, will be happy to collect your 2005 dues: \$29 per boat, \$39 if you want **Mainsheet**, too. This won't be the last you hear about this! We'll be dunning you until April 10 when we have to send the mailing list to **Mainsheet**, and you'll get the new roster in May. Be the first on your block to pay up!

Bob Armstrong, our new Vice Commodore, is still trying to get a speaker for the meeting. We'll send out a group email when we know for sure. Meanwhile, let's start off the year with a big meeting at a refreshingly new place.

See you at the February 11 meeting!

MARCH 5-6 UPLAND CRUISE WILL BE TRAIN EXCURSION TO VANCOUVER, B.C., CANADA

After extensive research on the Web, this year's Upland Cruise is going to be a blast. Cruise chair John Hamel announced his new list of cruises, topped by this new adventure. We'll be staying at the brand new Delta Vancouver Suites, right on Robson Street. The cost per couple includes transportation by train either from Seattle at 7:45 AM or from Edmonds at 8:13 AM, plus transportation to the hotel and back. One night is \$242 US, two nights \$340, with upgrade to business class on the train at \$12 per person each way. Return is at 6 PM from Vancouver, arriving in Seattle at 9:50 PM.

We'll have a chance to talk about eating and events on our train ride up. Most of this trip will be right along the coast and it's really pretty spectacular. If you haven't been to Vancouver before, you won't want to miss this, and if you have been, then you probably can't wait to get back!

Megan, at (206) 448-5000, will handle your reservation. Be sure to tell her that you are with the CAPS group so she can put us all together.

Once more, landlubbers rejoice, and this time no long distance driving!

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COMMODORE'S CORNER

By Dick Eagle



From his perch on Aerie, Dick Eagle surveys all he rules, and finds it all wet!

I always look forward to a new year. New experiences, new challenges, new fun. But most of all, because the new year brings THE BOAT SHOW!!!! Time to flush all the moths out of your wallet, inventory all the new stuff you really, really need for the boat, and go to the show!

Included in this CAPS Eyes is the CAPS calendar for 2005. New cruises, new races, and a new meeting location. Starting with the February 11th meeting, we'll be gathering at the Olympia Pizza and Spaghetti House II, 4501 Interlake Ave. N. in the Wallingford District of Seattle. We will pre-order a couple of pizzas; additional food and beverages can be ordered individually after we get there. We will have the room to ourselves, and we'll plan on starting the meeting at 7:00 PM as we have in the past.

In the next few weeks we'll look at adding a new benefit for CAPS members. Many

clubs and organizations such as ours use an email list server to facilitate communication among members. An email list server (or *listserve*) allows a member of the group to send reminders, last minute schedule changes, requests for advice about boat problems, offers of boat stuff for sale, arrange rendezvous with other members during summer cruises; in other words, it handles anything related to Catalinas, the club, and sailing.

Now, for those of you already struggling with controlling your email in-box, don't panic. The *listserve* we select will be a closed, members only service, and will include the ability for any member to opt out of the list.

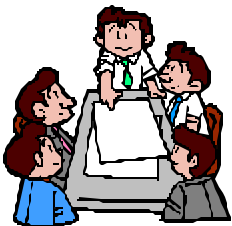
I look forward to seeing everyone at the CAPS Awards Banquet on January 29th. Remember to let Marilyn Parker (mdparker@u.washington.edu) know you are coming.

Our new Commodore has started his reign in a noble fashion. However, he is forewarned not to miss a deadline, or else!



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Y'know, they didn't even sit around a table, and yet came up with a full calendar, anyway!

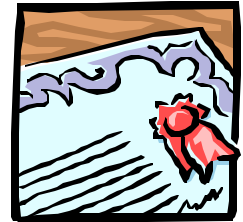
AWARDS BANQUET AND SOCIAL AT ELEPHANT & CASTLE ON 5TH AVE. IN SEATTLE JANUARY 29

From 6:30-9:30 PM on Saturday, January 29, CAPS members will gather at the Elephant & Castle in the Red Lion Inn, 1415 Fifth Ave., Seattle. That's just south of the corner of 5th and Pike. We'll have a private room downstairs in the restaurant, and parking is available right under the hotel. The dinner menu is: appetizers, salad, garlic mashed potatoes, seasonal vegies, a 10 oz. steak or broiled salmon (make your choice when you email Marilyn Parker with your RSVP at mdparker@uwashington.edu so she can tell them when she gets there) soft drinks, coffee, tea and dessert. Cost is \$30 per person which covers everything including tax and gratuity, but not alcohol.

Awards of course will be the highlight of this annual event. Remember, not only will we have the traditional **Boat of the Year**, **Racing Boat** and **Cruise Boat** awards. but there will be the fun ones, too. These have

evolved over the years, and there is no reason why you can't invent one, too. However, the holders of the 2003 Awards, are responsible for finding new recipients for 2004. This means **Broken Prop** (2003 Bob Armstrong), **Wrong Way Corrigan** (2003 John Hamel), **Sailing with Bob** (Bob Armstrong, new last year), **Dead Head** (2003 Dave Fend), and even the award specially created for Dave Fend by Dick Eagle are up for grabs. Of course, the previous recipients count on someone tattling on another boat to find their successors. If you have a candidate, there's still time to leak his or her name! Don't forget to bring the award with you so it can be passed on.

Don't forget to call (425-882-7328) or email (mdparker@uwashington.edu) Marilyn Parker if you're going to come, and we sure hope you do!



It's not hard to get your name on an award — just do something stupid!

NEW YEAR'S CRUISE HAS THREE BOATS AT ELLIOTT BAY MARINA, BUT HOST LEAVES BEFORE DAWN!

New Year's Eve was quite chilly, but not rainy, not foggy and not windy (conditions which have made the fireworks less than spectacular in previous years). Linda Loux and George Fogg held court on K-Dock in **Branwen**, and Carol and Paul McManus were their overnight guests. The formerly Orca folk sailed over from M-Dock at Shilshole on their new '98 C-36, now called **Breeze In**, but soon to be **Chinook**, and had a slip way out at the end of J-Dock at Elliott Bay. Carol and Jim Fielder, Debbie and Brian Ummel and Jody and Bob Rosain were all there to test out the sleeping capacity of the bigger boat, which was pronounced just fine! Sally and John Hamel also came over from Shilshole on **Auntie Beryl** and docked a few slips down from **Branwen**. The formerly Orcas ate on their boat, and the rest went to Maggies for dinner. Barb & Roger Jenkins drove up to join the party after dinner. A bit of noshing went on, red wine was drunk, and all attendees managed to stay up late enough

to see a totally adequate fireworks display from the Space Needle. If only we could have disabled all the stinkpotter boat horns....

The real news of the day was that George Fogg had just become a grandfather that morning, so he and Linda were off to the airport at 0-dark:30 (5 AM) to see the baby down in California. Can you see that guy kitchy-kitchy-gooing? It happens to the best! Carol and Paul came over to **Auntie Beryl** for breakfast, and then did their best to close up **Branwen** in absence of her owner!

The two 36s headed back to Shilshole at about the same time, but **Chinook** was under full sail with Jim at the helm. The Hamels were too lazy to take the cover off, so they got home first, but we know who had more fun. Too bad there wasn't a camera on board **Auntie Beryl**, because that other boat was really scooting along and looking great (good breeze, but not too much to make it too cold).

Happy New Year, everyone.

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Might
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Check Out
Our Web Site
At**

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The fireworks were short, but very sweet!

ENCAPSULATED CALENDAR FOR 2005

Subject to revision (speaker names will be added when booked)...



This is where it's at! Come on down!

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



You'll be tripping the light fantastic if you hang around with us!

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
Jan. 29 Winter Social and Awards Banquet at Elephant & Castle 1415 5th Ave., Seattle (in the Red Lion Inn) No Host Bar 6:30 – 9:30 PM RSVP: Marilyn Parker	Feb. 11 <i>Monthly Meeting</i> 7 PM, Olympia Pizza 4501 Interlake N, Sea \$5/ person for pizza beer and wine extra Program TBA	Mar. 4-6 Upland Cruise Vancouver, BC, via Amtrak Cascades Mar. 11 <i>Monthly Meeting</i> 7 PM, Olympia Pizza Mar. 19-20 Meydenbauer Bay YC Regatta Mar. 16 or 23 Chandlery Day?
APRIL	MAY	JUNE
Apr. 1-3 Kingston Cruise Apr. 2 Sloop Tavern Blakely Rock Race Apr. 8 <i>Monthly Meeting</i> 7 PM, Olympia Pizza Program TBA Apr. 22-24 Winslow Cruise at dock	May 7 Mid-Distance Race #3 May 13 <i>Monthly Meeting</i> 7 PM, Olympia Pizza Program TBA May 27-30 CAPS & CATSS Memorial Day Cruise to Port Townsend	Jun. 10 <i>Monthly Meeting</i> 7 PM, Olympia Pizza Program TBA Jun. 17-19 Port Ludlow Anchor Out Cruise Jun. 24-26 Shilshole CYC NW Catalina Regatta & International C30 Regatta
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
Jul. 3 Poulsbo Fireworks Anchor Out Cruise July 23 CYC Shilshole Jack & Jill Race NO MEETING GONE CRUISING	Aug. 12-14 Everett Cruise Combining the Crab Cruise with the Birthday Meeting making it the Cruise for Crabby Birthday People!	Sep. 2–5 CAPS & CATSS Poulsbo Cruise Sep. 9 <i>Monthly Meeting</i> 7 PM Olympic Pizza Sep. 10 Fall Regatta Milltown Sep. 16-18 CAPS & CATTSS Catalina Rendezvous at Port Orchard
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Sep. 29– Oct. 2 Brownsville Cruise Oct. 14 <i>Monthly Meeting</i> 7 PM Olympic Pizza Program TBA	Nov. 11 <i>Monthly Meeting</i> 7 PM Olympic Pizza Elections HAPPY THANKSGIVING	Dec. 10 Annual Christmas Party Potluck and Gift Exchange (Boat Gift and/or White Elephant) Woodenville Dec. 31-Jan. 1 Elliott Bay New Year's Cruise

THAT'S "MS. CLAUS" TO YOU SAYS SANTA AT THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BLOWOUT!

Since no one has formally written the story about the Christmas Party on December 11, your intrepid editor will attempt to recreate the scene via rumor and innuendo! All in all it really was a hoot, with some added spice.

Of course, the ham that CAPS provided was delicious as usual, with side dishes equally delectable (see recipe below). Thanks to those who came early to set up the tables at CYC Leschi — especially Barb Jenkins who couldn't even come to the party because of a family birthday party.

If you remember, Dick Eagle, our newly elected Commodore, had threatened that the last one to arrive had to be Santa Claus. Wouldn't you know that it was a new member, Gary Wilson, who was last, and Dick didn't have the heart to make him put on all the duds on his first year out. Sooo, he waited until everyone was well-fed and even better lubricated, and asked for a volunteer. Yup, it was Shari Smith who donned the regalia and invited all to sit on her lap. Well, from then on the party only got more fun. The

serious and silly boat gifts were lovely, and made their way around the room, often being swapped for a better one. However, the big question was, "Who will end up with the fish-cleaning tray?" Last year it was Bob Armstrong. We understand that a large package enclosed a smaller package which held a tiny package, and there was a note inside leading to the hall, and the ubiquitous tray. It hasn't been revealed how it ended up with her, but Linda Loux has it now. She's threatening to retire it from contention because of the limited storage on her houseboat, but don't bet on it!

Just wait until next year!

[My excuse for not being there was that it was the only weekend we could pick up our tree from our personal forester in Montessano (a high school classmate of John's who manages the 5,000 acre forest that belongs to the city and planted 20 acres in Noble Firs). Since this was to be our last free tree because he sold Noble boughs to a commercial dealer, we couldn't pass up the opportunity. Besides, we both came down with the current crud on our way home, and might



You never know who is going to pop out of the hat as Santa at our parties!

Some of you are grateful that the holidays are over, but others (like yours truly) make the decorations last until the days get longer!

GRANDMOTHER'S "SECRET" RECIPE FOR SWEET POTATO CASSEROLE

By Cynthia Jones

- 8 large sweet potatoes or yams
- 2 cups of brown sugar
- 2 sticks butter
- 1½ cups chopped pecans or walnuts
- ½ cup milk
- ¼ cup bourbon whiskey

Slice up sweet potatoes into 68 pieces each and boil until soft. Remove peels. Mash with one stick butter in a large mixing bowl. Add 1 cup brown sugar, bourbon and milk. Spread evenly into a large casserole dish.

In a 1 quart sauce pan melt 1 stick butter. Add 1 cup brown sugar and nuts. Stir. Spoon this mixture on top of potatoes.

Cover and bake for 30 minutes (or until well-heated throughout) at 350°.

Note: If you use large yams, this recipe makes a lot — enough to fill a big lasagna dish. My sister says it serves 12, so I often halve it and we have plenty for 6 people). I usually heat it a little longer than 30 minutes, especially if it's the full recipe. Gordon made it this time!

The reason grandmother kept this a secret was because she used to make this for church suppers in a dry county of Alabama. Everyone loved the her sweet potatoes and wanted the recipe. She always gave it to them, but didn't mention the bourbon. The church ladies would come back saying "I tried making that recipe, but mine just didn't taste as good as yours."



A little dab'll do ya, so to speak! Of course, you can always include a nip for the cook, too.

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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 2005 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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