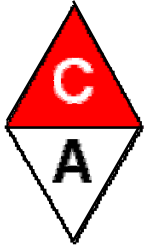


CAPS

The All Catalina Association of Puget Sound

YOU MISSED A GOOD MEETING! LOCKS LADY HAD MORE THAN 50' OF LINES! NOVEMBER MEETING TO ELECT OFFICERS



- **November meeting will elect officers**
- **Editor is moaning as usual**
- **Calendar down to the bitter end**
- **Racing results still up in the air**

Our guest speaker in October was really down-to-earth. Vicki Shepard from the Hiram C. Chittenden Locks had more to say than just "be sure you have 50' of line." She gave lots of safety tips and had a few good stories to tell, too. Since several of our members have to pass through the locks on their way to cruises, they, too, had a some tales, so the combination made for a good time, as well as a new learning curve.

Dick Eagle presented the list of new officers for 2006. Of course, most of them are the old officers, but now Jim Fielder has been added as Vice Commodore. He has promised a full roster of speakers for next year *[And accepted the job only if yours truly promised to keep writing the newsletter! Ed.]*. This month's meeting will formalize their election.

Here are the kind and generous people who have volunteered to serve as officers and keep our organization moving!

Commodore: Bob Armstrong
 Vice Commodore: Jim Fielder
 Secretary/Treasurer: Nancy McKenzie
 Communications: Sally Hamel
 Cruising Chair: John Hamel
 Measurer: Ken McKenzie
 Safety Focal: Jim Fielder [Still there!]
 Historian: Rod Sparks

Please plan to attend the Friday, November 11th meeting at Leschi and vote for your 2006 officers. It will be a great opportunity to let the new officers know what you'd like to see the club do in the next year. Let Jim know what kind of speakers you'd like to hear. Let John know where you'd like to see planned cruises. Tell Ken why you really deserve a higher PHRF rating. Bring pictures to Rod for the scrapbook. Ask Nancy if she will really keep minutes of the meetings....

See you on November 11th. BYOB and plan to eat pizza (at \$5.00 per person) at 6:30 in the CYC Clubhouse under the

WEST MARINE (BELLEVUE) HAS GOOD DISCOUNT PROGRAM FOR CAPS MEMBERS

West Marine in Bellevue has begun offering a Club Discount Program to selected yacht clubs and associations. The discount is 5% on all electronic products, and 10% on all other products, and can be applied to sale prices as well. CAPS is now signed up for the program, and Dick Eagle will have cards at the November meeting that you will need to present to the West Marine in Bellevue in

order to have the discount apply to your purchases. The discounts are available only at the Bellevue West Marine store. If you can't attend the meeting, contact him.

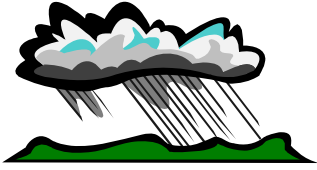
If you see Bruce Miller, the Assistant Manager of the Bellevue West Marine store, thank him for the discount program, and tell him he ought to join CAPS — he's got a Catalina 27 moored at Elliott Bay.

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COMMODORE'S CORNER

By Dick Eagle



*The
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What happened to our lovely Fall weather? We're having daily Small Craft Warnings, we have record early snow in the Cascades, it's raining cats and dogs, and as I write this, data buoy WPOW1 at West Point reports 33 knots of wind! *[But as I transcribe this, the sun is out and it's balmy! Go figure! Ed.]*

And I was hoping to go sailing this weekend. Oh, well, looks like it's time to get the boat ready for winter. Gotta check

the zincs (my dock gets hotter every year), make sure all the through-hulls are really closed, top off the diesel tank and add fuel stabilizer, get some air circulation going in the cabin to slow down the mildew, make sure the sail ties and sail covers are firmly attached, and on and on.

But I'm not giving up on sailing this season. I know we'll have some more good days this year!

See you on November 11th!

PUT THIS ONE IN YOUR SMIKE AND POPE IT! HOW ABOUT VICTORIA FOR THE UPLAND CRUISE?



Does this look like the Empress?

Since the Cruise Chair is already hard at work coming up with new destinations for the CAPS Cruising Season, he's looking into *[Read, I'm looking into! Ed.]* taking the Clipper to Victoria. If that sounds good to you, let him know. The Clipper Cruise people who came up with the great

Vancouver package last winter should be able to do the same for this winter. We were able to come up with the 10 couples needed for the group rate, and everyone had a great time.

Let John Hamel know if want to go to Victoria, or have another idea!

WHAT IF YOU WROTE A NEWSLETTER AND HAD NOTHING TO WRITE ABOUT? By Sally Hamel



I'm not complaining, but my computer is only capable of so much creativity!

This is one of those rare occasions where the editor actually writes an editorial! Because there were actually three cruises last month, and I wrote about all of them, and even one that wasn't scheduled, I had nothing but Dick's Commodore's Corner to put in this newsletter. With some arm-twisting, he gave me a few extra lines, and then Ken McKenzie sent me a racing article at the last minute, so I could make this at least a three-pager!

Is this a reaction to the fact that I, too, had my arms (yes, both) twisted to allow this to be sent electronically in order to use the money for our rental on the meeting room?

Perhaps one problem with continuity on the newsletter (yes, I have been writing it

for years) is that one is taken for granted. I joke that if you send me nothing, I'll make it up, but there is only so much I can make up! I could create a cruise to a crazy location, but I really think you'd rather read about the real thing.

Think about it. I'll write about it. Even embellishing on your suggestions beats a blank space....

Now I'll quit my qvetching and say that I really enjoy writing the newsletter, and finding new uses for the small set of clip art that came with my Windows Publisher 98, and, even more, writing the irreverent captions!

You keep reading, I'll keep writing!

And now, I'll shut up!!!!

CHRISTMAS PARTY AT LESCHI ON DEC. 10TH

The only item on the EnCAPSulated Calendar is the meeting on November 11, the Christmas Party on Saturday, December 10, and the New Year's Eve Cruise at Elliott Bay.

Be thinking about your boat gift, and especially your "gag" gift. Remember, the party's a potluck, and we do gift "trading", up to twice! It's a gas, and in keeping with Happy Holidays!



Last one to arrive has to be Santa Claus!

CAPS RACING SEASON IS OVER, BUT RESULTS AREN'T ALL IN! KEN WILL TELL IN JANUARY

Well, another year's racing is over. No one was hurt, no boat sank. Hooray! But you already knew most of that. What you don't know is how the boats that raced finished in the rest of the races. I'm here to tell you that right now!

May 14th was a Mid-Distance Race held by Milltown Sailing Association in Everett. This year **Sea Trek II** and Tom Madden came up from Seattle to race along with Mark Pywell's **Starbird**. WOW! Two boats from Seattle. There's a first time for everything, right? **Sea Trek II** and **Starbird** were on the long course and **Scotch & Soda** was on the short course. To be fair, **Starbird** should have been in the class with **Scotch & Soda** because he has no kite [For the uninitiated, that means a spinnaker, I think. Isn't it bad enough we have to learn a whole new language just to sail a boat? And now, another language for racers? Ed.] , but I didn't set up the classes. These results are just now being brought to you because we

didn't have access to the results until July.

The next race was the Jack & Jill Race on July 23rd held by the Seattle's Corinthian Yacht Club. I was accused of scheduling that race on my favorite adversary's anniversary. Somehow, he was the only one who raced! **Sea Trek II** was 4th in class, and 8th overall as a non-flying sails boat.

The last race for the coveted CAPS trophy was the Milltown Fall Regatta on September 10th in Everett. Their web site hasn't been maintained this year and I don't as yet have the results. I know **Sea Trek II** was racing, but I'm not sure if anyone else did. **Scotch & Soda** didn't race in that one either. All of this means that you'll have to come to the Winter Awards Banquet to find out who will get all of the trophies! How's that for a shameless plug. Hope to see you all there!

Ken McKenzie, CAPS Measurer

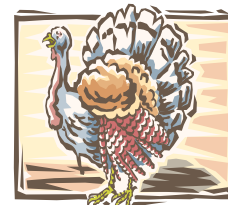
Would that Ken were setting up all our races! On the other hand, he may have had all he wanted after the last Northwest Catalina Regatta!



Seems the timing is Ok — it's just a bit hard to get it off the Web Site!

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Do any of these turkeys remind you of the upcoming feast?