

CAPS

The All Catalina Association of Puget Sound

FIRST MEETING IN '06 IS ABOUT VESSEL ASSIST: LET'S HOPE IT'S NOT PROPHEMIC!



- **Awards Banquet in Ballard this time**
- **New Year's Cruise very cozy again!**
- **New calendar touts new cruises**
- **Ms. Claus ends up in ER — CAPS punts as usual**
- **Grandma's secret has a sequel**

Last year took us round the block, from a pizza house and back to CYC Leschi. We [Read I, your fearless editor] even agreed to send this tome by email to save the postage so we could afford our meeting room. And now, thanks to the Commodore of Vice, Jim Fielder, we will be hearing about Vessel Assist from Captain Marc Lasos to prepare us for receiving the newly established "Toe Boat" Award! Seriously, how many of us have had to consider a tow or be a tow-er. He'll also tell us how to avoid being

salvage! This should be a good program to start off the new year.

We'll meet at the CYC Leschi facility at 6:30 PM on Friday, February 10. There will be pizza (at the nominal cost of \$5 a head) and you bring your own choice of beverage (we'll have the banquet license from the state so it can be alcoholic).

We can discuss the schedule you read herein — it's the same, but it's different, too. There's already a new member, so the year is looking up! **See you there.**

UPLAND CRUISE STILL DOESN'T EXIST; NOT ENOUGH CAN GO IN FEBRUARY OR MARCH

First we tried Victoria, then Ocean Shores. Sorry, folks, but 2-3 couples doth not an Upland Cruise make. We can discuss it further at the meeting on February 10, but your cruise chair *et ux* can't really get too enthusiastic about the Upland Cruise unless it really is going to be a great party.

His suggestion: go somewhere you like when you can, and then write it up for the newsletter. It solves the problem of the doldrums of winter, gets you out of the neighborhood, and fills up space here!

We'll both be at the Leschi meeting.

AWARDS BANQUET IN BALLARD FULL OF FUN AWARDS AND ONE SURPRISE PLAQUE

The Yankee Grill on the canal was the site of the Annual Awards Banquet for the members of the Catalina Association of Puget Sound. Aside from the very raucous '50s party in the next room (to which all too many of us could have contributed first-hand experience), a great social hour and dinner was had by all (except Steve Peterson who took his home in a box; he came in on crutches, having tried to get out of his helicopter when it was a bit too far off

the ground — hey, at least it wasn't a boating accident — get better, soon Steve). The awards followed, with our new Commodore, Bob Armstrong presiding.

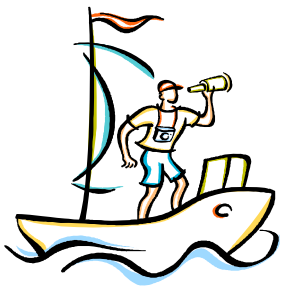
Serious presentations were made by Ken McKenzie, our perpetual Measurer. The only cliff hanger was whether he or Tom Madden was going to get first in racing.

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COMMODORE'S CORNER

By **Bob Armstrong**



Could this be our Bob, jauntily setting his sights on lofty events?

I look forward to 2006 with both trepidation and anticipation. With all the great things that Dick Eagle and all the CAPS officers did last year, it makes me tremble in fear trying to live up to their fantastic job. At the same time, I look forward to working with all the officers and wonderful members of CAPS.

The officers and supporting people worked hard, so the cruise calendar and budgets are done; with the hard work taken care of, now it's time for fun.

The cruise committee has set some great places to go this year. Most are familiar, but a couple of new things are in store. Blake Island in February, Gunkholeing in July, starting in Port Madison, the next night in Manzanita and ending on July 3 at Poulsbo.

A second try for Brownsville will be made in October. So far, there's no Upland Cruise that has worked for enough members on any weekend in either February or March, but we haven't given up! With all the other things we have going, this will still be another banner year.

Ken McKenzie has the latest on the race schedules. I plan to make as many races as I can. Some cruisers don't want to race, but the old saying is that it is the fastest way to learn to sail is by racing, and, as you all know, I need all the help I can get in regard to sailing technique.

There are still two things needed to make this all happen. They are very simple things: just you, and your participation.

*Our new
Commodore
Is gingerly stepping
up to the challenge.
He should know
That no bolder
Souls exist than
Those who
Take on this job!*

NEW YEAR'S CRUISE MAKES BRANWEN WELL-PACKED

It was a cold night on New Year's Eve, raining, but not too hard, the company and the food were plenteous, and it sure was cozy aboard **Branwen** at George Fogg and Linda Loux's dock in Elliott Bay Marina. There were two other boats on the dock — **Chinook** with the Rosains and Disneys aboard, and **Jaded** with Lynda and Mike McCann — and it was a wild trip back the next day. Everyone else came by car: Barb

and Roger Jenkins, Carol and Paul McManus, Sally and John Hamel, Cynthia Jones and Gordon Ellis, and Shari and Gary Wilson were all stuffed into the host boat (along with a couple from the next-door stink-pot). It's a good thing that some of our guys were solving the world's problems on **Jaded** for part of the gathering; they weren't missed!

Some even saw the fireworks! Happy New Year!



Not a bunch of yes-men and women in this group!

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One of these days Mark Pywell is going to beat both of them. It was Tom, Ken and Mark in that order. Ken did point out that Tom is flying a kite nowadays. He also pointed out that he was getting one, soon. Is there a rivalry here?

John Hamel, Cruise Chair, presented the Cruising awards; here the exciting part was how many boats had actually been represented at the cruises — more than half the members either sailed or joined by car — 31 boats. Because so many came, and there was a very close race between the top four boats, four awards were given out. The irony of it all — and the joy of being in CAPS — is that a non-Catalina won “Cruise Boat of the Year”. Linda Loux and George Fogg started out in a C320 but stayed associate members after they switched to a new Tartan 37 [All that did was get them out of ever having to be an officer! Ed.] **Branwen** not only went to most of the cruises (missed Port Orchard), but even went to Port Ludlow when no one else did! **Auntie Beryl**³ with John and Sally Hamel, **Jolly Roger** with Roger and Barb Jenkins, and **Sea Sea Rider** with Paul and Carol McManus got 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

Of course, what we were all waiting for were the “fun” trophies. And what a hoot!

First, Paul McManus gave the elaborate description of Mike Parker’s adventures on **Northern Lights** which definitely qualified him for the “Broken Prop”. He spent more time in a boat yard in Sydney, B.C. than most of us spend out of the water in a lifetime. Ask him.

Next, Sally Hamel gleefully presented the first of the two trophies which have been occupying space on her mantel to none other than Bob Armstrong, himself. He confessed to her at the officer’s meeting that **Good Tide’ngs II** had really hit a dead head — so who better to receive the “Dead Head” trophy. He says she’s still leaking a bit, but at least the log didn’t sink the boat.

A story about a boat that was sailing toward Kingston and then disappeared from view brought about the reason for the “Wrong

Way Corrigan” going to **Blythe Spirit**, accepted by Cynthia Jones since Gordon Ellis was in Israel being a consultant [No retirement for him. Ed.]. She explained that their heater was still in the dock box — but of course no one had checked beforehand. It was October, after all. At least they made the cruise, although a bit late for *hors d’oeuvres*. That cleared the Hamel mantel, for the time being.

You all are aware that the “formerly Orcas” are now the **Chinook** cadre, having recently moved up from a C30 to a C36 Mk II. This may be the excuse that Bob Rosain had when he put water in the diesel fill — but he’s such a list maker that you’d think he’d have them in the right order. Jim Fielder presented the “Murphy Award”, also know as “Sailing with Bob”, to Bob “in absentia.” What that meant was we could talk about him behind his back, and get a good chuckle while we were at it.

Barb Jenkins created a new award. It seems as if **Jolly Roger** spent a lot of time towing **VoyageuR** (John Segerstrom), among others. She made a lovely trophy, a sailboat with toes on the bow, and gave the “Toe Boat” to her spouse.

So what was the big surprise? Guess she did go to a lot of cruises, and both captain and mate are still officers, and, yes, the newsletter is still being written by one of them, but John and Sally Hamel were not expecting to receive “Boat of the Year” for **Auntie Beryl**³. Dick Eagle presented the trophy because Dave and Peggy Fend, last year’s winners, are off in Mexico building houses (another “not really retiring” couple). The Hamels are in good company, and that’s one award that goes proudly back on the mantel.

So we come to the end of another grand year and another grand banquet. For those of you who couldn’t make it, you missed a fun time. And, just because you aren’t there, as was learned by at least one winner, doesn’t mean that the trophy won’t be presented, with all the flourish and innuendo that can be mustered!



First in the hearts of their fellow sailors — sometimes first just because they had the worst luck!

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It’s still
\$29 without Mainsheet,
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Was that a deadhead?

ENCAPSULATED CALENDAR FOR 2006

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



You can't go wrong if you schedule your life around this calendar!

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



Follow those boats; they must be going to a party.

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
Jan. 23 Winter Social and Awards Banquet at Yankee Grill Shilshole Ave., Seattle (On the Ship Canal) No Host Bar 6:30 – 9:30 PM RSVP: Peg Eagle	Feb. 10 <i>Monthly Meeting</i> 6:30 PM, CYC Leschi 106 Lakeside Ave. \$5/ea. for pizza BYOB Program: Vessel Assist Feb. 11-12 C36 Cruise Poulsbo Feb. 24-25 CAPS Cruise Blake Island Dock	Mar. 10 <i>Monthly Meeting</i> 6:30 PM, CYC Leschi 106 Lakeside Ave. \$5/ea. for pizza BYOB Program: TBA Mar. 25-26 MBYC Spring Regatta Mar. 16 or 23 Chandlery Day?
APRIL	MAY	JUNE
Apr. 1 Sloop Tavern Blakely Rock Race Apr. 7-9 Kingston Cruise Apr. 14 <i>Monthly Meeting</i> 6:30 PM, CYC Leschi 106 Lakeside Ave. \$5/ea. for pizza BYOB Program: TBA	May 12 <i>Monthly Meeting</i> 6:30 PM, CYC Leschi \$5/ea. for pizza BYOB Program: TBA May 20 Milltown Mid-Distance Memorial Day Cruise to Port Townsend May 26-29 CAPS & CATSS	Jun. 9 <i>Monthly Meeting</i> 6:30 PM, CYC Leschi 106 Lakeside Ave. \$5/ea. for pizza BYOB Program: TBA Jun. 24 Shilshole CYC Northwest Catalina Regatta
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
Jul. 1-3 Gunkhole Anchor-out Marathon — Port Madison, Manzanita, & Liberty Bay for Poulsbo 3rd Fireworks NO MEETING GONE CRUISING	Aug. 11-13 Everett Cruise Combining the Crab Cruise with the Birthday Meeting making it the Cruise for Crabby Birthday People! Lifesling Clinic?	Sept. 1-4 CAPS & CATSS Poulsbo Cruise Sept. 8 <i>Monthly Meeting 6:30</i> Sept. 15-17 CAPS & CATTSS Catalina Rendezvous at Port Orchard Sept. 23 Sloop Tavern Jack and Jill Race
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Oct. 7 CYC Edmonds Foulweather Bluff Race Oct. 14 <i>Monthly Meeting</i> 6:30 Pizza, BYOB CYC Leschi Program TBA Oct. 20-22 Brownsville Cruise	Nov. 10 <i>Monthly Meeting</i> 6:30 Pizza, BYOB CYC Leschi Elections HAPPY THANKSGIVING	Dec. 9 Annual Christmas Party Potluck and Gift Exchange (Boat Gift and/or White Elephant) CYC Leschi Dec. 31-Jan. 1 Elliott Bay New Year's Cruise

MS. CLAUS ENDS UP IN EMERGENCY ROOM; BOB AND CAROL PUNT AT XMAS PARTY

Shari Smith had volunteered once again to be the S. Claus at the Annual Christmas Party, but at the last minute ended up in the ER because of a “problem” with a routine (and she was being a good girl by having it) test. Details can only be gotten from her. However, not to worry, it was the Bob Rosain and Carol McManus show, minus the Santa suit that filled the bill.

However, first there was a grand potluck, complete with the CAPS-provided ham and the Karen-provided hot toddy mix. After dinner we all settled down for an hour or so of complete chaos.

We drew numbers (by boat couple) so we knew who went first, and after that it all deteriorated. Pick a nice, or a naughty (nauti?) gift, or both, and then maybe lose it to the next person; and so we did. The big mystery was, “Who will get the fish-cleaning tray?” Well, apparently, last year’s recipient is storing it for future disposal — who knows which year!

But we did have fun, and there were some really nice gifts, and then there were some really awful ones, too! All in all a fine way to usher in the holiday season in a nautical way.



We'll take whatever we can get when it comes to Santa Claus!

CATALINA 36 COMMODORE CALLS CRUISE

Captain Mike McCann with his usual aplomb called for a winter cruise to Poulsbo for intrepid Catalina 36 owners. Since that’s how the Hamels ended up with their latest boat, perhaps it behooves some of you who haven’t joined Fleet 6 of Puget Sound to investigate what makes it different from CAPS [Not much, but any excuse to use the boat... Ed.]. At any rate, the cruise has been set for this coming weekend, February 10-12, and the option is open

to spend one or two nights at the dock. Some of us will be going to the CAPS meeting on Friday night, but Saturday is still open to join the group. Bring hors d’oeuvres, but don’t be surprised if you end up eating at that Italian place. The food is always good, and the next morning there’s always the bakery.

Hope to see some new faces along with the old ones this year. But, like we said, any excuse to be on the boat is a valid one!

*This year
The tree stayed
Up until the
Superbowl
Was over.
After that
Travesty of
Refereeing
I may NEVER
take it Down!*

WHAT WOULD WE DO WITHOUT CYNTHIA’S BOOZE?

Remember Cynthia Jones’ recipe for her grandmother’s sweet potatoes — the one that was a secret because no one in her church was supposed to know about the bourbon? Here’s another one. Those ‘Bama ladies sure know how to embellish their taters!

Sweet Potato Pie

- 1 unbaked 9” piecrust
- 2 # sweet potatoes or yams
- ½ C butter
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- ¼ tsp. salt
- ½ C brown sugar

- 3 eggs, separated
- ¼ C lemon juice
- ½ C milk
- 3 T bourbon (or sherry or brandy)

Preheat oven to 450°. Cook sweets and mash. Add spices, butter, sugars, & salt. Beat until light and smooth. Beat egg yolks until light and add to above mixture. Stir in lemon juice, milk and bourbon. Mix well. Beat egg whites until stiff and gently fold in. Pour into unbaked pie crust and bake 10 minutes at 450°. Reduce heat to 350° and bake 25-35 minutes longer until pie is puffed up and firm.



One splash for the pot, a nip for the cook, and so on, and so on.